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Jack Dorsey, Twitter CEO

TWITTER WEBSITE DISTORTS INDIA MAP

Amid a stand-off with the Union Government over compliance with the new IT rules, social media platform Twitter is displaying a wrong map of India that shows Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh as a separate country. The glaring distortion, which appears on the career section of the Twitter website under the header 'Tweep Life', has triggered a heavy backlash from netizens who are demanding strict action against the platform. **P9**

SSLC exams on July 19, 22: Suresh

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE State is yet to unlock completely and lift restrictions in many districts, but the Education Department on Monday released the timetable for the Secondary School Leaving Certificate (SSLC) examinations, which will be held on two days -- July 19 and July 22.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said the exams will be conducted in a unique way this year where all the questions of all the papers will be multiple choice. "Students have to mark the answers on the Optical Mark Reading sheet given at the examination centre," he said.

"The exams will be restricted to two days this time. The papers for the core subjects, like mathematics, social science and science, will be held on July 19 and for language subjects, it will be on July 22. On both days, the exams will be held between 10.30 am and 1.30 pm," he added.

The board has uploaded a sample question paper on its website. It will be sent to schools to inform students about the pattern and how to solve the paper.

While many questioned the logic behind holding the exams when the State is still recovering from the Covid second wave, he clarified that SSLC exams are necessary for students to select their stream.

"Last year, 8.46 lakh students appeared for the exams, and this year, it will be 8,76,581. The education department will allocate 73,066 exam halls this year which is far more than what it was last year," he added.

The Board will follow all the standard operating procedures issued by the Health Department and they have been conveyed to deputy commissioners, chief executive officers, senior police officers and treasury officers of all districts.

CONTINUED ON: P2

PUC II results in July 2nd week

The results of PUC II students will be announced in the second week of July. Suresh Kumar said the decision about promoting repeaters will be taken in two days.

Rural stint must for new doctors

The government has made rural service mandatory for 2,053 MBBS graduates, who have been hired in the health and medical education departments. **P7**

We were not aware of education minister's decision to announce the dates for SSLC exams... I do not know if the directions have been given by health department officials.

Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Emergency cash
An additional ₹1.5L cr allocated for Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme; ₹7,500 cr for micro finance institutions

Loan guarantee
₹1.1 lakh crore loan guarantee scheme for Covid-hit sectors, of which ₹50,000 cr is for the health sector to scale up medical infra

Public health
A total of ₹23,000 cr to be spent under new scheme for public health in FY22, of which the Centre will spend ₹15,000 crore

Food grains
Centre to spend ₹93,869 cr during May-Nov 2021 for free food grains under PMGKY, bringing total cost to ₹2,27,841 crore

Insurance
₹88K cr to be spent during FY22-26 to boost export insurance cover, plus ₹33K cr for projects through natl export insurance account

TARGETED SUPPORT

ANOTHER STIMULUS SHOT TO LIFT ECONOMY

FM announces fresh credit for Covid-hit small biz, tourism, healthcare sectors

ANURADHA SHUKLA @ New Delhi

THE finance ministry on Monday announced a slew of measures to help the Covid-battered economy, including fresh credit for MSMEs, and targeted support to the healthcare and tourism sectors. The package includes ₹1.10 lakh crore of credit guarantee scheme, of which ₹50,000 crore will be for the healthcare sector, with a three-year single loan of up to ₹100 crore carrying an interest of 7.95%. Loans to other sectors such as tourism and hospitality would come at 8.25% per annum interest rate.

Special support was given to the hospitality sector in the form of retail loan worth ₹10 lakh to travel agencies and ₹1 lakh loan for registered tourist guides.

"They can use the loans to pay old loan or to buy a vehicle or start a new business," Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said, while announcing the relief package for the tourism sector. A ₹7,500 crore credit guarantee scheme was extended to banks for existing NBFC-MFIs or MFIs for lending up to ₹1.25 lakh to about 25 lakh small borrowers.

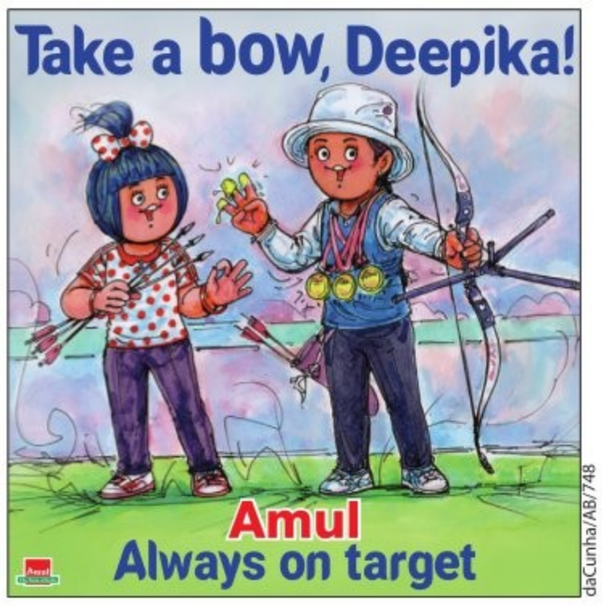
Experts claimed that while the intent is good, this will hardly help the sector which has about six crore borrowers.

Apart from that, the government increased the cap for availing guarantee under the existing Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme from ₹3 lakh crore to ₹4.5 lakh crore and extended the timeline of many existing schemes under Atmanirbhar package for one more year, like Atmanirbhar Bharat Rozgar Yojana and Production-linked scheme.

The Centre has also extended the timeline for previously-announced free foodgrains scheme for the poor from May to November 2021. The outgo from this scheme in FY22 is estimated at ₹93,869 crore. This, along with an additional allocation of ₹14,775 crore towards fertiliser subsidy, takes the size of the relief package to ₹6.29 lakh crore.

However, as most of the announcements were part of the credit guarantee scheme, the fiscal impact for the government will be limited, said Siddharth Sanyal, chief economist and head, Research, Bandhan Bank.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ICRA, estimates the step-up in the fiscal outgo within FY22 based on fresh announcements at ₹60,000 crore. That said, Monday's package packed more wallop due to the attention on health, whose FY22 budget allocation was deemed grossly inadequate. An additional ₹23,220 crore was directed towards health expenditure, with special emphasis on paedetric care. **P12**



India was in dark on Delta variant: Expert

CHETANA BELAGERE @ Bengaluru

THE Delta variant of B 1.617.2 lineage has created havoc and is spreading fast even in the most-vaccinated countries. India, too, is still reeling under the effects of the deadly second wave due to this variant.

Dr Eric Feigl-Ding, a US-based epidemiologist and Senior Fellow at the Federation of American Scientists, told *The New Indian Express* that India, where the Delta variant first emerged, was in the dark for a long time and with the evidence of the variant escaping vaccine efficacy, the country needs to now seriously ramp up genome sequencing and testing to mitigate the virus.

"If a variant rises from your country, to stop it from spreading to the world and harming your own citizens, you need to invest in resources. Many variants may emerge and if there is a delay in identifying them, there might be many lockdowns in the future, not just in India, but across the world," Dr Feigl-Ding said.

FULL INTERVIEW: P4

NATIONWIDE	JUNE 27	JUNE 28
Fresh cases	50,040	46,148
Recoveries	57,944	58,578
Deaths	1,258	979

JAB-O-METER

TAKE YOUR SHOT

June 27: 64.25 lakh doses

June 28: 48,01,465 doses

TOTAL DOSES: 32,85,54,011

KARNATAKA	JUNE 27	JUNE 28
Fresh cases	3,604	2,576
Recoveries	7,699	5,933
Deaths	89	93

Army thwarts possible drone attack

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

LESS than 24 hours after the first-ever drone bombing on an Indian Air Force base, troops thwarted two possible drone attacks on the Ratnuchak-Kaluchak military station in Jammu.

Defence spokesman Lt Col Devender Anand said on midnight of June 27-28, troops spotted two separate drone activities. "One was detected at 11.45 pm and second at 2.40 am. Quick reaction teams engaged them with firing, upon which they flew away," he said.

An Army officer said alert jawans foiled probable drone attacks. Asked whether there was any clarity as to where the drones had come from and where they went, he said, "It was night time, so it was difficult to determine it." **P9**

Fliers hit as Covishield not on EU's list

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE European Medicines Agency (EMA), the regulatory body for the European Union (EU), has excluded Serum Institute of India (SII)-manufactured AstraZeneca vaccine Covishield from the bloc's 'Green Pass', putting fliers from India under stress.

The Green Pass, which will come into effect on July 1, will enable people to travel to EU member states for business and tourism if they have taken either of the four approved jabs. They are Vaxzevria (Oxford-AstraZeneca's jab manufactured in Europe), Comirnaty (Pfizer-BioNTech), Spikevax (Moderna) and Janssen (Johnson & Johnson).

SII missed the bus because it had not applied for its emergency use with the regulatory agency. But there is no difference between AstraZeneca's between Vaxzevria and Covishield.

"In my view, this decision is clearly discriminatory and without any plausible explanation on why the same vaccine produced in two different countries is being treated differently," said Chandrakant Lahariya, health systems and vaccine expert. India has taken up the matter with Brussels and also the French government. **P9**

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FLAGGING OFF KISAN RAIL CARRYING 250 TONNES OF MANGOES FROM KOLAR REGION TO DELHI

by

SRI B.S. YEDIYURAPPA

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka

Date: 29.06.2021 | Time: 13.00 Hrs. | Venue: Yelahanka Railway Station

Hon'ble Union Finance Minister had announced in the 2020-21 Budget to start **"Kisan Rail"** to facilitate seamless transport of perishable agricultural produce from the place of produce to different parts of the country.

Ministry of Railways introduced, **"Kisan Rail"** in August 2020 as an initiative to increase farmers' income by using one of India's best resources - its extensive rail network-to transport perishable agri-products such as milk, meat, fish, fruits and vegetables etc, at subsidized rates and opening up opportunities for them to reach untapped markets across the country.

Salient features of Kisan Rail

1. 50 percent subsidy is given in freight (being borne by Ministry of Food Processing Industries under "Operation Greens-TOP to Total" scheme) for transportation of fruits and vegetables.
2. Enables farmers to gain access to distant, bigger and more lucrative markets.
3. Speedy movement ensures minimum damage during transit.
4. The facility enables transporting of multiple commodities, by multiple consignor & consignee, multiple stoppages in time-table trains.

South Western Railway (SWR) has run five Kisan Rail Services since 19th June, 2021, transporting around 1,250 Metric Tonnes (250 tonnes per train) of Green Mangoes. SWR intends to run at least one Mango Kisan Rail every 2-3 days depending on the demand.

Kisan Rail - Exploring New Markets for Increased, Sustainable Profits

MASK UP STAY SAFE STAY HEALTHY

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Tuesday : 29/06/2021 • Year: Plava • Ayana: Uttharayana
• Ritu: Greeshma • Masa: Jyeshta • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Panchami 4.50 pm
• Nakshatra: Sathabhisha 4.53 am • Moon in Kumbha Rashi • Rahukaala: 03:00 am to 04:30 am
• Gulikakala: 12:00 pm to 01:30 pm • Yamaganda: 09:00 am to 10:30 am

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 31°C
FORECAST
Showers late. Cloudy

Sunrise 5.56 am
Sunset 6.49 pm
Moonrise 11.04 pm
Moonset 10.15 am

Encroachments removed, water to flow into lakes

Farmers, residents had blocked path of KC Valley Lift Irrigation project

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

IN a major step to ensure that areas on Bengaluru's outskirts benefit from the KC Valley Lift Irrigation project, Revenue and Survey department officials on Monday started removing encroachments by local farmers and natural blockages along the valley.

The project aims to pump 120 Million Litres per Day (MLD) of treated water from KC Valley to rejuvenate nearly-dry 65 lakes in Anekal taluk and two lakes in Kanakapura. "The water will be pumped first to Gattahalli Lake and through the Rajakaluve to Huskur Lake. It will then go to Singena Agrahara Lake and finally to Muthanallur Lake, where a pumping station will dispatch water to 65 lakes in Anekal," explained social activist Capt Santhosh Kumar.

He played a key role in highlighting that encroachments need to be removed and raising the issue with government departments frequently.

"A thick growth of eucalyptus trees and other vegetation neglected over the years was removed today in the 150-metre stretch between Muthanallur and Singena Agrahara lakes," he said. Another 1.4 km stretch between the two lakes will be taken up next week.

"It will take 25 days to clear all encroachments up to Gattahalli Lake. After that water can flow freely along the four lakes and it will offer a new lease of life to Anekal taluk by boosting the groundwater table," Capt Santhosh Kumar said.

Anekal Tahsildar P Dinesh said four government agencies --Minor Irrigation, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Revenue departments and Karnataka State Pollution Control Board – are facilitating the project. "A number of earthmovers were used today to clear the blocked path," he said.

Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner J Manjunath said, "A survey is being conducted to identify the extent of encroachments everywhere. They need to be removed first and fencing done," he added.

A thick growth of eucalyptus trees and other vegetation was removed between Muthanallur and Singena Agrahara lakes on Monday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Over ₹1,563 cr collected as property tax: Gupta

Bengaluru: BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta on Monday said so far `1,563.78 crore has been collected as property tax. "The revenue department officials should pay more attention to pending property tax collection, undervalued assets and taxation of assets outside tax jurisdiction. The newly-constructed buildings should be bought under tax jurisdiction and the property tax should be collected. Also, Khata Melas should be organised in all the zones to bring properties under tax ambit," he said. **ENS**

(Right) Forest department personnel use a crane to hoist captured elephant Mountain into a lorry in Avverehalli village, near Channapatna. It was earlier captured from Sakleshpur | SHRIRAM BN

HOW FOREST DEPARTMENT MOVED 'MOUNTAIN'

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

JUST a few days after tusker Mountain was captured by the Karnataka forest department officials from Sakleshpur and relocated to Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS), it has now been captured and relocated again to a different location.

Reason: Mountain had moved out of CWS and was exploring new areas or trying to find its way back home (to Sakleshpur). It was captured on Monday morning from Channapatna, very close to human habitation.

In the last four days, Mountain (20), travelled around 100 km. He travelled through Cauvery River (where he camped for around 10- 12 days), then crossed Sangam, Kokkrebellur bird sanctuary, and then moved towards Mysuru Road state highway to Channapatna.

"Earlier, when Mountain started to move out of CWS, it was brought back inside. However, when it crossed to the other side of Cauvery river, an alert was sounded. A special team of around 60 were deployed to keep a close watch on him. No conflict with humans were reported as he travelled only during the night and alerts were sounded. He walked through all the green pastures but the problem arose when he crossed the highway twice and the area was new to him. The lockdown and curfew helped in ensuring that there was no conflict," forest officials said.

Vijay Kumar Gogi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) told *The New Indian Express*, "Usually, tuskers wander inside forest areas, but this one moved too close to human habitation. The radio collar helped keep track of his movements."

Wasn't aware of SSLC exam announcement, says Sudhakar

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A few hours after Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced that SSLC exams would be conducted in July in a safe manner like last year, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said he was not even aware of his colleague announcing the dates.

"I haven't spoken to Suresh Kumar yet. I don't know if the directions have been given by health department officials, but we are concerned about children's health. I don't know if they spoke to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) or not. I will talk to Kumar and TAC on this and then react," he said.

However, experts from the education field said the government cannot function without coordination. "Conducting examinations for so many children is a big challenge, especially when there is an emergence of a new variant," a senior official said.

However, Suresh Kumar said the decision was taken only after a two-hour meeting with the health department officials, including the principal health secretary, and based on advice by TAC. The minister also clarified that after the meeting, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa also gave oral approval to the move.

"All SOPs were issued by the health department, and the exam SOPs were released based on this," Kumar said.

Answering a question on whether the Covid Technical Advisory Committee was being sidelined and recommendations of the Dr Devi Shetty-led committee were given preference, Dr Sudhakar said, "TAC gives overall recommendations as they are experts in community health and epidemiology, while the Devi Shetty committee is meant to get us to prepare for the third wave."

+ve students can write exam in CCC

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PROHIBITORY orders under Section 144 of CrPC will be in place around 200 metres of exam halls. All invigilators will be given N95 masks and students will be allowed to wear surgical or good cloth masks, stated the advisory sent by the TAC. The minister said that hall tickets will reach headmasters through email by June 30.

This year, even those who have tested positive can write the exams and they can choose any identified Covid Care Centre in their respective taluk headquarters. A separate room at the exam centre will be arranged for students who come with Covid symptoms. However, no teaching or non-teaching staff will be allowed to attend exam duty at the centres if they have any symptoms.

SC to panel: Submit report on Shivaram Karanth Layout

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Supreme Court has directed the three-member committee it had formed to identify lawful constructions in Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout before August 3, 2018, to scrutinise files on layouts which have already come up inside it with Bangalore Development Authority 's approval, Committee members said on Monday.

Former High Court judge Justice A V Chandrashekhar is the Committee chairman.

Briefing newspersons at their office inside the BDA head office on Monday, Jayakar Jerome said, "A total of 17 layouts have come up inside it with the approval of the BDA. The court has now asked us to scrutinise the files pertaining to them and submit our report. BDA had informed the court in an earlier hearing (April 12, 2021) that they had already given approval for these layouts."

Jerome said the committee hoped to send their report to the court within two months.

He also said that two of the five help desks which had been set up to enable landowners in the layout to submit their documents will begin functioning from July 1. "The desks at Medi Agrahara and Somashettihalli will become operational initially. The others will also be opened gradually," he said. The helps desks were closed due to the surge in Covid cases.

Asked about it, a top BDA official said they had given approval to layout plans given by developers for 12 layouts and not 17. "It has already got our approval. Some have built houses on them and some have not. They need to be treated as legal properties only as we have only given them the green signal," he said.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

29th June: I should have said yesterday that Virgo, my featured sign, is a particularly careful one. It indicates support for everyone who is keen to work hard, pay attention to detail, and make the maximum commitment to building a better world with care and consideration for others. That sounds absolutely perfect to me!

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Just because your planetary patterns are encouraging professional acclaim and financial rewards, it doesn't mean that you will see the fruits of your labours just yet. It's possible that there are one or two personal questions to be ironed out first.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The Moon, a personal planet which represents your day-to-day affairs, teams up with Neptune and Pluto, which symbolise your life as a whole. It's therefore time to think deeply about your future. Consider any option available. Even the most unlikely ideas could help open new doors.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Now that you have stunned colleagues into silence by your dramatic show of inspiration and energy, you must be magnanimous. Generosity in victory is a trait which will be much admired. On the other hand, you are entitled to give yourself a pat on the back - even if nobody else does!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Just remember that those old planets Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are as likely to bring joy and satisfaction as problems and self-doubt. Now that the planetary alignments are so positive, please try to emphasise the former qualities at the expense of the latter. believe in yourself!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Venus and Mercury are still sending sensational messages to your sign, guaranteeing that ideas will be flowing thick and fast. Allow thoughts about your long-term future to dictate much-needed decisions at work. Once partners have satisfied themselves that you know what you're talking about, they'll back you.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You must now ask yourself if it matters one jot what other people say, think or do? It is time to pay attention to the truth with a capital 'T', rather than to the ephemeral and essentially trivial opinions that surround you. If you're in the opening stages of a new romance, by the way, your passion will be undimmed.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
It seems that your main problem has been in convincing a partner or colleague that change is both overdue and necessary. There is a better than average chance that people will now agree with you, at least as far as your financial proposals are concerned.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Teamwork is the key for the next two weeks, even if you find it hard to break out of your normally secretive state of mind. If you are to secure help and assistance you must share your plans and proposals. You may even have to put up some cash as an initial guarantee of your good faith.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
It seems unlikely that you will be able to take a back seat for a while, mainly because working affairs and partnership qualifications seem destined to take up more and more of your time. The point is surely that you have allowed your own feelings about what is and is not possible to box you in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
A series of brilliant and challenging aspects indicate that close companions have the situation well under control and are able to cope without assistance. Nevertheless, at such a hopeful moment, it will do you credit to lend a timely helping hand.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You are certainly not about to be excessively influenced by those you consider beneath you. Even so, people who are less capable or accomplished than you may have the strength to overrule you. One piece of advice for today - turn your attention to urgent cash issues. You could pick up a bargain and prevent a potential problem running out of hand.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
One particularly reassuring planetary aspect is now permitting you to speak out and formulate fresh ideas. Yet you should not try to squash debate if other people put forward their own proposals. You have followed the inevitable thus far. But should you go any farther?

THE PHANTOM

NOW I'VE HEARD IT ALL....
JUNGLE PATROL OPERATING NOT ONLY ON THE GROUND IN RHODIA....
BUT INSIDE THE WIRE AT THE REGIME'S MOST INFAMOUS PRISON?
NOBODY'S GOING TO TELL ME JOHN X WASN'T OUR MAN AT GRAVELINES!
GOOD MAN, THE TRUSTED MAN, BUT....
BEGINNING: "TO WRACK AND RUIN AT GRAVELINES"

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY

BLONDIE

"HOW TO SNAG A COOL $100 IN JUST A YEAR FLIPPING HOUSES"?
OH, THAT'S THE WORST SELLERS REJECT RACK
TOTAL FLOPS LIKE: "101 RECIPES FOR LIVER AND LIMA BEANS" AND "FOLDING SOCKS FOR DUMMIES"
AND "SLEEP TIPS FROM RIP VAN WINKLE"
HOLD ON! I'LL TAKE THAT ONE!
FREE
Book Worm!

LOCKHORNS

DENNIS THE MENACE

SUDOKU

Evil: Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

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						7	5	
	8		3					1
		6				5		
5					1		8	
	5	3						
2		4			3		6	
		9	5		4			

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

1	2	9	5	7	8	6	3	4
3	4	8	9	6	1	7	5	2
7	6	5	4	3	2	1	9	8
4	1	6	2	9	3	8	7	5
2	8	3	6	5	7	4	1	9
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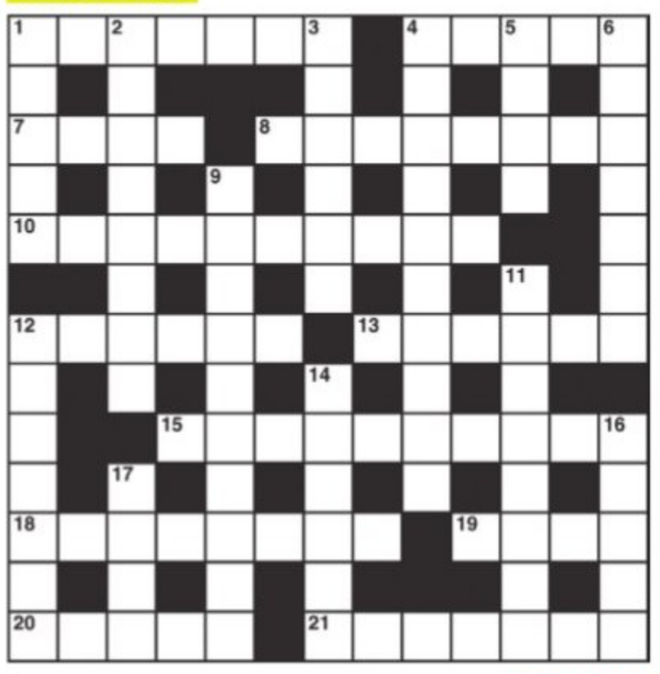
CROSS WORD



ACROSS
1 It's said they have no choice (7)
4 Tess and I change places (5)
7 As far as could be from the Mount of Olives (4)
8 Destined to be invested as a minister (8)
10 He earns his living by composing (10)
12 Not the only one to take a leading part from actors (2-4)
13 Heartbroken number show ill will (6)
15 Late, it turns in after me (6,4)
18 Notably well? (8)
19 Inclination to admit incompetence (4)
20 Irritable fictional friend of Mole and Toad (5)
21 Doesn't go out to support a wrong action (5,2)

DOWN
1 Not keen to be outspoken (5)
2 Way-out supporter (8)
3 The way a sailor put up beds (6)
4 Get to grips but in friendly fashion (5,5)
5 Fuel container in military vehicle (4)
6 Deduces it is wrong to be led astray (7)
9 Property tax will keep the gamekeeper busy (6,4)
11 Numbers making a noise in examinations (8)
12 Tree yielding a fir cone (7)
14 Lets it change names (6)
16 We hear school meals should be this (5)
17 The black spot in Bligh's mutiny (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Imaginative, 9 Estoril, 10 Allah, 11 Vale, 12 Top-dress, 14 Inmate, 16 Join up, 18 Ten-to-one, 19 Agra, 22 Moral, 23 Intrude, 24 Thermometer.

Down: 2 Motel, 3 Garb, 4 Nelson, 5 Trap door, 6 Villein, 7 Leave it to me, 8 Chess player, 13 Stroller, 15 Monarch, 17 Indigo, 20 Gauge, 21 Stye.

JUMBLE

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

DUEEL
WYNOS
GRIEHH
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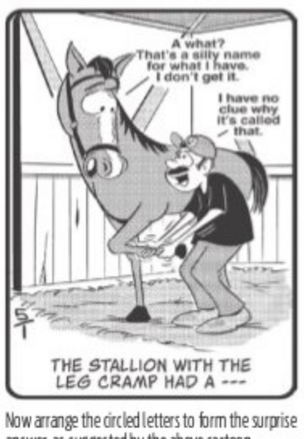


Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon

ANSWERS TOMORROW

YESTERDAY'S: **Jumbles:** STASH HENCE PAGODA PONCHO
ANSWER: When she unknowingly took a pic of the flexing bodybuilder, it was – HAPPENSTANCE

A few hours after Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar announced that SSLC exams would be conducted in July in a safe manner like last year, Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said he was not even aware of his colleague announcing the dates

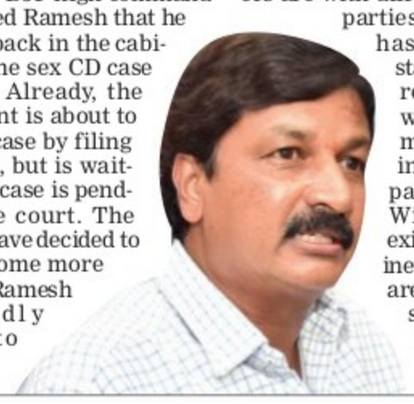
Jarkiholi cancels Mumbai trip, not to quit MLA post

Decides not to resign after pressure from his brothers; likely to get cabinet berth back

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @ Belagavi

AFTER his desperate attempts for the past few weeks to exert pressure on the BJP high command to return to the cabinet, former Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi has decided against quitting his MLA's post under pressure from his brothers and the party leadership, which assured him that he will be reinducted into the cabinet soon.

Before Ramesh's scheduled meeting with former Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday, the Jarkiholi brothers went into a huddle in Gokak to discuss alternatives available for Ramesh to avoid quitting his seat. According to sources, Ramesh had a marathon meeting with brothers Balachandra and Lakhan Jarkiholi, and brother-in-law Ambirao Patil, and finally decided not to quit.A source close to the Jarkiholis said that Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and the BJP high command had assured Ramesh that he would be back in the cabinet once the sex CD case is closed. Already, the government is about to close the case by filing a B-report, but is waiting as the case is pending before court. The brothers have decided to wait for some more time, and Ramesh reportedly agreed to drop his decision to resign, sources added.



Balachandra Jarkiholi, chairman of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), was able to persuade Ramesh against taking a hasty decision and asked him not to meet the party high command or Chief Minister Yediyurappa until all legal hurdles were cleared. The brothers also discussed the possible political fallout if Ramesh resigned, with the case pending before court.

Soon after the brothers' meeting ended in Gokak, Ramesh left for Bengaluru, cancelling his scheduled visit to Mumbai today. The three brothers will be holding a joint press conference in Gokak in the next few days to make Ramesh's stand clear. The Jarkiholis are confident that the CD case will be closed by the government, as expected, and Ramesh will be back in the cabinet with the same portfolio.

Though the Jarkiholi brothers are with different political parties, one of them has been in the state cabinet, irrespective of which government has been in power in the past 15 years. With Ramesh's exit from the cabinet, the brothers are desperate to see him back in power.

CORPORATE TOUCH

11 industry leaders to work with officials, lend expertise

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FOR 18 months starting July, the Karnataka government will partner with 11 professionals from the private sector, as part of an Administrative Fellowship. The 18-month fellowship will see corporate leaders work alongside senior IAS officers in various government departments, to provide solutions to India's development problems. Deemed a 'pioneer initiative' in PPP (Public-Private Partnership) model, the first cohort of the Indian Administrative Fellowship was announced on Monday jointly by The/Nudge Foundation and the Government of Karnataka.

Eleven professionals have been chosen from about 2,000 applicants for the fellowship. Founder of PushEngage Ravi Trivedi, co-founder and CEO of YCook India Dr Gayathri Swahar, CEO of Greycaps Giri Balasubramaniam, Board member and CFO at Fidelity Investments R Balasubramanya, CEO and board member at Jubilant Motorworks Rohit Malhotra, Director at HP Vani Narayan, head of engineering at KVP Business Solutions Sreenivasa Madenhally, founder of Yushu Consulting Ramachandran Narayanaswamy, co-founder and CEO of SheCommerz Aruna Sampige, finance head of Bosch Sunil Kumar Vaya, and founder of Jalmitra Shobha Ananda Reddy will work alongside IAS officers.

These professionals will work in the departments of agriculture, education, administrative reforms committee, rural development, e-governance, planning and statistics, women and child welfare, Planning Commission, entrepreneurship and livelihood and Panchayat Raj.

Former Karnataka Chief Secretary TM Vijaya Bhaskar has been roped in to work with R Balasubramanya on the administrative reforms committee. "The Indian Administrative Fellowship is a novel opportunity for citizens to create catalytic change by becoming collaborators with the government," said Minister for Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Narayana Gowda. The initiative is part of Karnataka's push to emerge to the forefront of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) leadership board.

"IAF Fellowship provided me with an opportunity to make an impact on our state. I had exited my last global company to devote the rest of my career towards nation-building, and this was the best opportunity to make an impact at scale. Agriculture, which I got selected for, as a sector, holds the key to build food security, come out of poverty and provide better livelihood to millions of fellow citizens. This sector can benefit from technology innovations, which have helped other sectors," said Ravi Trivedi, founder of PushEngage.

NITI AAYOG PUSHES KARNATAKA TO FAST-TRACK DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Bengaluru: Sanyukta Samaddar, Advisor to NITI Aayog, visited Karnataka on Monday as part of a two-day workshop on achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). Samaddar has been visiting various states to hold sensitisation workshops. Samaddar presented a copy of the SDG India Index to Chief Secretary P Ravi Kumar and held discussions with officials, urging the administration to take up focused action on high-priority SDGs. The NITI Aayog advisor is scheduled to hold meetings with officials of various departments at the Vikasa Soudha till Tuesday to discuss Karnataka's target achievement and provide inputs on how other states are tackling development concerns on various fronts. The focus of her visits is to sensitise state governments towards Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) measures. States are being encouraged to avoid overlapping deprivations and focus on priority areas for action at national, state and district levels to implement initiatives to alleviate poverty. During her visit, Samaddar highlighted that Karnataka's Index score on SDG had improved from 66 in 2019 to 72 in 2020, putting the state ahead in the 'frontrunner' category. ENS

AFTER A LULL

Passengers wait to board a KSRTC bus to Mysuru at the Kempegowda Bus Station in Bengaluru on Monday after services resumed to the city. The transport corporation has suffered losses of over Rs 4,000 crore since the beginning of the pandemic | VINOD KUMAR T

Cong SC leaders to hold convention

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Tumakuru

IT seems that Congress heavyweights have drawn the battlelines for supremacy, with SC leaders K H Muniyappa and Dr G Parameshwara said to be keen to wean their community from AHINDA (acronym for Minorities, Backward Classes and Dalits), launched by former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

If the recent meeting of the trio -- Muniyappa, Parameshwara and former national general secretary B K Hariprasad -- is any indication, they may approach AICC president Sonia Gandhi, seeking her nod for a SC convention some time before the next assembly elections.

Siddaramaiah, who got wind of this meeting, managed to get hold of SC leader and former minister H C Mahadevappa, who was also originally with the JDS, and they are now planning an AHINDA convention before the SC convention. These AHINDA conventions had catapulted Siddaramaiah to the status of mass leader, as not just Kurubas, but even minorities and SCs had rallied behind him in 2013.

With then KPCC president Parameshwara losing miserably from Koratagere, it became that much more easy for Siddaramaiah to become Chief Minister. KPCC president D K Shivakumar had then played sympathiser, and reportedly said that Parameshwara was still in the race for CM's post.

Now, with Siddarmaiah's supporters making a claim once again for the CM's post, Shivakumar and other 'original Congress' leaders have got together to thwart it. Evidently, former KPCC president Dinesh Gundurao had also called on Parameshwara at the latter's house in Bengaluru. "We exchanged pleasantries and also discussed the current political situation," he declared on Twitter, sending a clear signal to the 'migrants' who had followed Siddaramaiah into the Congress.

According to sources, Parameshwara is planning to call on Sonia Gandhi shortly with a report.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)

E-TENDER NOTICE NO: E148-CN-TPJ-TF-027

DATE: 26-06-2021

For and on behalf of President of India, the Deputy Chief Electical Engineer (General), Construction, Southern Railway, Egmore, Chennai - 600008 invites e-tender for the work of **"Karaikal - Peralam (23 km) New line - Karaikal - Peralam Section - Modification to 17 Nos. of 11kV, 14Nos. of LT Over Head Power Line Crossings by underground cables in Karaikal - Peralam section - Works Contract"** with the above tender notice. Date of Tender opening is 21.07.2021 at 12:00 Hrs. All other details of this tender are available in **www.ireps.gov.in website**.

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer
Construction, Southern Railway,
Chennai Egmore.

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NELSON MANDELA

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of General Public that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned **SCHEDULE PROPERTY** from its owner **MRS. M. RAMADEVI,** Wife of Mr. A.R. Rangaswamy is residing at No.22, 1st Block, 2nd Stage, Nagarabhavi, Bengaluru-560 072, any person having any right, claim or interest over the schedule property may lodge their objections/claims in writing to the undersigned with documentary proof within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of this publication. In the event of no claim being received within 15 (Fifteen) days, my client will proceed with further transactions relating to the schedule property, and no claim/s will be entertained after this period.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential vacant site bearing No.219, BBMP Katha No.KTR-223/2011-12, Old No.194/219 formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, 3rd Block, BBMP Ward No.73, Bangalore North, Measuring East to West:40.0 Feet and North to South:60.0 Feet totally measuring 2400 Square Feet or 266.66 Square Meters with all rights, apprutences whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on the :-

East by : Site No.218;
West by : Site No.220;
North by : Site No.213;
South by : Road:

GOPALA GOWDA T.N., Advocate
No.138, 2nd Floor, 2nd Main,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-560020.

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4th Floor, Door No.1871A24
VM Plaza, Civil Line Road, Palarivattom
Cochin - 682025, Ph: 7025252101

AUCTION NOTICE

KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd has decided to bid the Mortgage items in a systamatic manner undermentioned branches on **7th JULY 2021** 10am. therefore, the customers interested in the repayment or renewal with interest re payment should contact their respective branches before the auction period. In any case ,if the auction could not be conducted on the above said date ,the auctioneer is having the right to postpone the auction to following 2nd auction dates or on subsequent dates at given centers without any further notice.

2nd Auction date : 14.7.2021 Auction centre : No.235/1, Kanakapura Main Road,Talaghattapura, Bangalore South, Bangalore Karnataka-560062 (Rural District) ANEKAL 348 280 025 AVALAHALLI 138 230 199 123 319 324 419 514 017 058 099 140 BUDIGERE 236 ATTIBEL 034 315 272 011 TALAGHATTAPURA 004 2nd Auction date : 14.07.2021 Auction centre : Manjunatha Complex, Sarakki Market, JP Nagar,1st Phase,Bangalore–560078 (Urban District) AREKERE GATE 003 040 049 117 019 006 028 BABUSAPALAYAM 001 023 006 008 009 008 001 011 012 006 041 033 006 030 BATTARAHALLI 005 111 328 BRIGADE MILLANIUM 016 027 008 CHANDAPURA 153 219 188 011 DASARAHALLI 037 038 039 040 041 042 043 044 045 046 047 049 048 050 051 052 054 055 017 056 057 058 059 025 026 027 029 030 034 035 036 007 008 011 013 012 001 002 003 004 014 015 016 018 017 019 020 021 003 001 005 006 007 037 008 013 HEBBAGODI 006 027 007 081 063 062 009 092 005 017 HORAMAVU 136 137 140 139 J P NAGAR 076 077 001 002 003 075 078 079 032 025 024 023 011 010 007 003 101 044 061 221 021 017 039 055 078 JAYANAGAR 014 JIGANI 133 011 014 011 038 KALKARI 013 004 015 047 051 KAMMANAHALLI 014 013 KR PURAM 024 026 074 120 203 177 MANGAMMANA PALYA 012 095 MATHIKKARA 014 122 R T NAGAR 043 141 324 191 007 071 TC PALAYAM 054 187 004 247 196 322 246 036 VIJINAPURA 148 124 130 080 063 085 075 077 039 038 253 268 260 263 245 111 233 231 150 157 177 003 155 187 360 452 415 427 325 349 016 463 533 289 149 169 KENGERI 040 038 MARTHA HALLI 036 053 016 034

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru

Short Term Tender Notification (Through E-Procurement portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders through E-procurement from the eligible contractors who are empanelled in KHB and also willing to empanel in KHB.

Name of work: Construction of first floor building (above new building) at PG centre, mangasandra, kolar district.

- Tender Reference No. KHB / 2021-22 /BD/Work_Indent 813 & IFT No.34/2021-22 Date: 28.06.2021
- Amount Put to tender : **Rs. 4,28,06,436/-**
- Last date for submission of bid: **19.07.2021 upto 4.00 PM.**

For further information, contact below mentioned office address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board,
Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No. 080-22273511/ 080-22100077.
Website: www.khb.karnataka.gov.in, https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in
DIPR/DDU/JA/677/2021-22

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Zilla Panchayat, Chikkaballapura
Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Chikkaballapura

e-Procurement Short-Term Tender Notification No.: 24/2020-21, Date: 22.06.2021

(Applications Invited for Tenders subject to Standard Tender document KW III Rules.)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka Itemwar Tender is invited through e-procurement in Two Cover System as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000 for below mentioned works in the limits of Chikkaballapura Division, under 3054 Special Grant Scheme from authorized Contractors registered under appropriate class in PWD and enrolled in Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Government of Karnataka. Application for e-procurement documents should be submitted in Department website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

(1) Last date for submitting application through e-procurement and submitting filled schedule-B in website: **06.07.2021 up to 16.30 hours. (2)** Date of opening Technical Bid: **08.07.2021 after 11.30 hours. (3)** Date of opening Financial Bid: **12.07.2021 after 11.30 hours (if possible). (4)** Application Fee (Non-returnable): **As per e-procurement Rules.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.R.E. Division, Chikkaballapura
DIPR/Chikkaballapura/R.O. No.68/MCA/2021-22

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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT

1)Mr. Ravikiran N.G S/o Mr. Gangadhara Shetty
2)Mrs. Sujatha W/o Mr. Ravikiran N.G
Both 1 & 2 at : No.95, 1st Floor,Bhimjyothi Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd
LIC Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru - 560079

The credit facility under **Term Loan A/c No.0627001650561601 for Rs.40.00 lakhs (Rs.30.58 lakhs has been disbursed)** availed by you No.1] **Mr. Ravikiran N.G** as the borrower and you **No.2] Mrs. Sujatha** as the guarantor at our **Bengaluru – Minerva Circle Branch** has been classified as **Non Performing Asset on 31.03.2021** with effect from **14.09.2020** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2)&(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **14.06.2021** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgements to both of you have been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance as on **14.06.2021 is Rs.37,38,115.40 (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Fifteen and Paisa Forty Only)** with future rate of interest @ 8.70% compounded monthly with effect from **14.05.2021**. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)

All that piece and parcel of Residential property admeasuring 1317.50 Sq.ft bearing Site No.909, Sector 'A' category LIG, KHB Colony, situated at Suryanagar, Phase-II, Hinnakki Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore, **belonging to Mr. Ravikiran N.G.**

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.

Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place: Mangalore
Date: 28.06.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the **Authorised Officer of KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 had issued **Demand Notice dated 19.06.2020** calling upon the **Borrowers, Guarantors/Co-obligants ;**

1. M/s. Princely State Education Trust (Regd), Represented by its trustees : i) Mr. Mohammed Masoodulla A M, ii) Mr. Mohammed Jawadulla Ataulla, iii) Mrs. Benazir Jawad, 2) Mr. Mohammed Masoodulla A M, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Ataulla, No. 1012 (Old No.53), 29th cross, 11th Main, IV Block – Jayanagar, Bengaluru – 560011. 3) Dr. Mohammed Jawadulla Ataulla, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Ataulla, 4) Mrs. Benazir Jawad, W/o.Mohammed Jawadulla Ataulla, No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are addressed at : No.15, Buddha Marga, T.N.Pura Main Road, Siddarthanagar, Mysuru – 570011.

to repay the total amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,40,64,924.00 (Rupees One crore forty lakhs sixty four thousand nine hundred and twenty four only) under the loan accounts of our Mysuru-Siddarthanagar Branch detailed herein below along with further interest within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The details of loan accounts are as follow :-

Sl. No.	PSTL Account No.	Balance as per Demand Notice (Rs.)	Present Balance (Rs.)	Interest to be added from
1	5077001800060501	1,11,66,702.00	1,24,72,730.15	01.06.2021
2	5077001800062701	3,97,506.00	3,44,536.00	04.06.2021
3	5077001800070501	14,18,327.00	15,71,662.00	01.06.2021
4	5077001800070601	10,82,389.00	12,16,463.00	01.06.2021
	Total	1,40,64,924.00	1,56,05,391.15	Plus cost

The Borrowers and Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower, the Guarantor and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the immoveable properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rules on this, **the 23rd day of June of the year 2021.**

The Borrowers and Guarantors in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Immoveable property and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Limited, Mysuru-Siddarthanagar Branch for an aggregate amount of Rs.1,56,05,391.15 under loan accounts along with further interest and cost as detailed above.**

The borrower's, mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY : All that part and parcel of property bearing Old Khata #N-24/2, New PID # 56-94-18/22 measuring 1020 sq.ft building bearing House No.18, situated at 4th cross Road, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bengaluru – 560 070 belonging to Mr. Mohammed Jawadulla Ataulla and bounded by, East : Property of Erappa; West : Portion of property No.18; North : Property of Venkatamma; South : Road.

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 23.06.2021

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorized Officer
Karnataka Bank Ltd

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. P. VIJAYKUMAR SHETTY**, 53 years, S/o. Padma Shetty, No.69, 80 Feet Road, ITI Layout, Mallathhalli, Bengaluru-560 056, has entered into an Agreement of Sale to Purchase below mentioned property from **Smt. N. PARVATHI**, 65 years, W/o. Sri. Garudarangappa, No.24, 'Anugraha', 3rd Block, 'D' Cross, 3rd Main Road, Nagarbhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560 072.

Any person or persons having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and may offer their version, in writing within **ten days** from the publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property bearing Site No.168, formed by Bangalore Development Authority in 2nd Block, II Stage, Nagarabhavi Layout, Bangalore, presently Municipal No.168, Katha No.168/112/168, Ward No.129-Jnanabharathi, Nagarbhavi 2nd Block, Bangalore, measuring East to West -19.50 meters and North to South -12.20 meters, and bounded on:

East by : Site No.187; **West by :** Road
North by : Site No.167; **South by :** Site No.169.

S. RAMESH KUMAR, Advocate
231, I Floor, Laxmi Nivas, S.C. Road,
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DEPARMENT
Office of The Executive Engineer,
R.D.W & S, Division, Haveri
Sl.No.RDW&SD/Haveri/PB-1/Tender:13/2021-22/319
Date : 25-06-2021

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
2nd Call

(1) Request of Blank Tender Documents and Receipt of completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement from : **08-07-2021** at : 17:30 hours (2) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 1 to 3) Technical Bid Opening (Sl.No 4 to 31) (If possible) : **09-07-2021** @ 17:31 hours (3) Date of Financial Bid Opening (Sl.No 4 to 31) (If possible) : **13-07-2021** @ 10:30 hours (4) Date of Pre bid meeting at Executive Engineer, R.D.W & S Division, Haveri : **06-07-2021** @ 11:00 hours

Inviting tenders of Water Supply works of Byadagi, Haveri, Hirekerur, Ranebennur & Savanur taluks under NRDWP JJM scheme.

Indent No :- (1) 33288/CALL-2, (2) 33834/CALL-2, (3) 33840/CALL-2, (4) 33631/CALL-2, (5) 33632/CALL-2, (6) 33444/CALL-2, (7) 32036/CALL-2, (8) 32040/CALL-2, (9) 33027/CALL-2, (10) 33037/CALL-2, (11) 32041/CALL-2, (12) 32707/CALL-2, (13) 33292/CALL-2, (14) 33256/CALL-2, (15) 32708/CALL-2, (16) 32039/CALL-2, (17) 33555/CALL-2, (18) 33293/CALL-2, (19) 33820/CALL-2, (20) 32709/CALL-2, (21) 33905/CALL-2, (22) 32827/CALL-2, (23) 33299/CALL-2, (24) 33736/CALL-2, (25) 33300/CALL-2, (26) 33301/CALL-2, (27) 33302/CALL-2, (28) 33682/CALL-2, (29) 32047/CALL-2, (30) 33738/CALL-2, (31) 33339/CALL-2,

The blank tender documents can be downloaded through website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the date of hosting the tender.

DIPR/HVR/MC&A/115/2021-22

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
R.D.W&S Division, Haveri

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS

COVID-19

04 BENGALURU TUESDAY 29.06.2021

TRACKING COVID-19

SPEED AND RISE OF COVID-19 CASES IN KARNATAKA

2,576 CASES REPORTED TODAY

3,604 CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY

TALLY STANDS AT

TODAY	28,37,206
YESTERDAY	28,34,630

DEATHS

TODAY	YESTERDAY
93	89

DISCHARGES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
5,933	7,699

ACTIVE CASES

TODAY	YESTERDAY
97,592	1,01,042

POSITIVITY RATE

TODAY	8.35%
YESTERDAY	8.37%

The day positivity rate – 1.92% – is calculated as the number of patients testing positive out of 100 tests conducted only in a day.

MORTALITY RATE

TODAY	1.22%
YESTERDAY	1.22%

RECOVERY RATE

TODAY	95.33%
YESTERDAY	94.20%

The first Covid-19 case in Karnataka was reported on March 8, 2020. Since then until June 28, 2021, a total of 28,37,206 cases have been reported in 1 year and 108 days...

2,20,86,785 Total doses administered in state

VACCINATION DRIVE STATUS

Number of people completing vaccination	36,21,228
Health care workers 1st dose	7,49,717
Health care workers 2nd dose	4,99,600
Frontline workers 1st dose	8,24,199
Frontline workers 2nd dose	2,49,392
Age 18-45 1st dose	60,57,256
Age 18-45 2nd dose	82,386
Above 45 1st dose	1,08,34,385
Above 45 2nd dose	27,89,850

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES

LAST 24 HOURS

563 BENGALURU URBAN

55 BENGALURU RURAL

Bagalkot: 8	Chamarajanagar: 55	Dakshina Kannada: 263	Hassan: 138	Kolar: 79	Raichur: 9	Udupi: 71
Ballari: 19	Chikkaballapura: 27	Davanagere: 81	Haveri: 13	Koppal: 55	Ramanagara: 14	Uttara Kannada: 52
Belagavi: 68	Chikkamagaluru: 83	Dharwad: 28	Kalaburagi: 4	Mandya: 95	Shivamogga: 194	Vijayapura: 2
Bidar: 3	Chitradurga: 45	Gadag: 17	Kodagu: 150	Mysuru: 282	Tumakuru: 99	Yadgir: 4

Returning to normal? State sees under 3K cases

Active Covid-19 cases fall below 1 lakh-mark with 2,576 people catching the virus on Monday; 93 added to death tally

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KARNATAKA on Monday reported an active case load — or patients under treatment at a time — of under one lakh (97,592), even as the state's fresh Covid-19 cases fell to 2,576. The last time Karnataka saw the number of active cases below 1 lakh was on April 15 (96,561). The present figure is a fall from a whopping 6,05,494 active cases as on May 15, the highest recorded so far.

Active cases had dipped to as low as 6,985 on January 22, when the first wave was waning and the second was just about showing signs of surging across the state.

Linked to the fall in active cases is the trend of the number of discharges being well above the new cases added daily, and the number of deaths coming down. Over the past two days, the number of deaths reported each day has fallen below the 100-mark, with Sunday reporting 89 deaths, and Monday, 93.

Covid-19 norms were thrown to the wind as people thronged Bengaluru's Avenue Road on Monday | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

The 2,576 new Covid-19 cases is the lowest addition in a day that the state has seen since March 26, when 2,566 cases were added to the tally, which on Monday stands at 28,37,206.

The recovery rate in the state went up from 95.20 per cent to 95.33 per cent, but the mortality rate stood firm at 1.22 per cent, with the total death toll moving up to 34,836.

Karnataka's overall positivity rate dropped from 8.37 per cent to 8.35 per cent, but is still far from the low of 4.63 per cent it had dropped to before taking off again with the severity of the second wave.

Bengaluru recorded 563 fresh cases on Monday. Bengaluru's active caseload has come down to 62,430 from the peak of 3,64,382 on May 17. The city's Covid tally rose to 12,11,993.

Black fungus: MRI, CT scan free in govt hospitals

Health Minister Sudhakar tweeted that CT scan and MRI scan to diagnose mucormycosis in post-Covid patients has been made free of cost in government hospitals, and medical colleges, while the cost is capped in private hospitals and laboratories. MRI of the brain will cost Rs 3,000 for BPL patients and Rs 4,000 for APL patients, MRI of the para-nasal sinuses will cost Rs 3,000 for BPL patients and Rs 4,000 for APL patient, MRI of the orbits will cost Rs 3,000 for BPL patients.

Positivity rate at 2.6% in 27 districts

BENGALURU: In a silver lining in Karantaka's Covid-19 fight, 27 districts have reported a positivity rate of under 5% (2.62%). Also, the recovery rate has increased to 95.33%. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar told reporters on Monday that only Kodagu, Mysuru, Hassan and Dakshina Kannada reported a positivity rate of more than 5%."Karnataka is in third place in testing after Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. We have conducted 3,36,73,395 tests so far. There are no deaths reported in 11 districts due to Covid-19 (in the last 24 hours)," he said. As per the state war room, Karnataka stands third in terms of total cases and recoveries, after Maharashtra and Kerala.

'India needs to invest in genome sequencing'

CHETANA BELAGERE
@ Bengaluru

INDIA has to speed up its genome sequencing, and invest in technology to ramp up not only whole genome sequencing, but also testing. Many variants may emerge, and if there is a delay in identifying them, there might be many lockdowns in future, not just in India but across the world, says **Dr Eric Feigl Ding**, epidemiologist, Senior Fellow at the Federation of American Scientists, in an exclusive interview with *TNIE*.

India reeled under a deadly second wave of the coronavirus, caused mainly by the Delta variant of the Covid-19 virus. But now we are already talking about the third wave. Will India see another wave?

It's hard to say. I think India is still very vulnerable. We don't know enough about Delta-Plus but it's likely to be as transmissible as the Delta variant. Obviously, India doesn't have enough vaccines rolled out, especially two doses. Delta is very evasive against one dose. Knowing that Delta-Plus has reinfection potential, I think it is worrisome.

We are seeing Delta create havoc across the world. Do you think India identified the variant late?

I think India doesn't have genome sequencing capabilities like the UK does. Very few countries have the expertise. This data allows us to find out and know the variant in advance. Although we identified the variant months ago, we did not have the sequencing in order to know how much it was growing, how quickly, and to what percent it had spread in the population. Does the vaccine work against it? For this information, a lot of people have to be sequenced. Right now, we know that Delta is twice as contagious as the original strain, has about four times greater risk of hospitalisation, 2.5 times greater than Alpha, and four times more transmissible than the original variant. It is a very risky variant. But we learnt all this only because Delta has invaded the UK, and it is able to track down these numbers epidemiologically and genomically. But India was in the dark for a longer time.

What should India do now?

There should be a rule that India should do more testing. There are also shortcut tests like genotyping, instead of full genome sequencing. You need to develop genome typing shortcut tests, laboratory capabilities for genotyping, typing and do them fast. It requires infrastructure and investment from the government. Each country has different lessons to learn from each other. But if the variant rises from your country, then to stop it from spreading to the world and harming your own citizens, you need to invest in these resources. We need to wear masks, especially indoors. Ventilation is as critical as masks.

Is it necessary that the next variant is more transmissible?

It is not always worse. Mutations go in random directions until there is an evolutionary reason to direct into certain directions. We are reaching the point where we have more people who were infected and fewer people who have never been infected. The virus will now search to become more evasive -- of immune system, vaccines etc. That's the trend. Delta-Plus is not just another random mutation, it is Delta with a previously known tricky mutation that is known to be evasive.

How important is vaccination?

Vaccination is important but a country cannot rely only on this as a strategy, until vaccination is 80 per cent or more. Herd immunity by vaccination is a term used by many countries, but unvaccinated people have almost no protection, even if 40 per cent of the population is vaccinated. It happens only when almost 80 per cent vaccination is achieved. However, two vaccine doses definitely prevent hospitalisation.

In Vijayapura, mucor patients depend on pvt hosps for surgery

MAHESH M GOUDAR @ Vijayapura

IN a span of 45 days, Vijayapura district has seen 205 cases of mucormycosis (black fungus). However, most patients depend on private hospitals for surgeries owing to lack of specialists and medical equipment at the state-run hospital. According to the district administration, of the 205 cases reported so far, 56 are active, 123 have recovered, 24 have been referred to other districts and two have died.

Among the infected, at least 170 people have be operated upon in the district. Of these, 99% of the surgeries have been performed at private hospitals with BLDE Hospital seeing the highest number of operations.

"As many as 53 patients with black fungus were admitted to the state-run hospital of which 22 were referred to BLDE Hospital for surgery... only two minor surgeries were performed at the government hospital," said an official of the district civil hospital.

Speaking to *TNIE*, Dr S L Lakkannavar, Resident Medical Officer at district civil hospital, said, "The patients are being referred to private hospitals for surgeries because of lack of specialists, medical equipment and other experts to perform the surgeries. Moreover, BLDE Hospital has a medical college and many ENT specialists to perform surgeries."

As black fungus is not included under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, patients have to bear the expense if they go to private hospitals for surgery. However, the district health authorities are providing Amphotericin-B for free to even those patients who have been referred to private hospitals.

Admitting to poor health infrastructure at the state-run hospital, Deputy Commissioner P Sunil Kumar, told *TNIE*, "Higher authorities have informed that talks are on to procure necessary medical equipment to perform surgeries at the civil hospital."

15 lose vision at KIMS

ARUNKUMAR HURALIMATH @ Hubballi

AS many as 15 people have lost their eyesight due to mucormycosis (black fungus) at KIMS Hospital in Hubballi in the last two months. The hospital has treated more than 150 cases of black fungus since May and performed more than 130 endoscopic surgeries. Sixty patients have recovered. Fifteen people have lost their eyesight to the infection and a few have lost their vision in one eye. Meanwhile, attendants of patients allege delay in supply of Amphotericin-B, the drug used to treat black fungus, as the reason for their kin losing eyesight. In the beginning, there was a huge shortage of the drug in the district. Later, it was streamlined and also the demand reduced owing to a drop in fresh cases. A senior doctor said a few people lost their vision as they came late to the hospital for treatment. "After admission, experts treated them and performed surgeries to remove the infected part. The hospital managed to treat patients with alternative drugs. Now, there is a good supply of Amphotericin-B," a doctor added.

AHEAD OF 3RD WAVE...

BBMP TO INCREASE MANPOWER ON THE GROUND TO FIGHT COVID

BOSKY KHANNA@ Bengaluru

AMID fears of Covid-19 cases once again increasing owing to the Delta-Plus variant, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has realised the need to increase its staff on the ground. This comes at a time when the government is emphasising on physical triaging for bed allocation and intensifying contact tracing to control the spread of the novel coronavirus."It is important to have adequate people on the field and this is what is being addressed now," D Randeep, Special Commissioner, health, BBMP, told *TNIE*.

He said adequate staff is required on the ground for surveillance, home visits, to check on containment zones, physical triaging, contact tracing and to conduct door-to-door surveys.

The BBMP has currently deployed 300 ASHA and Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) workers each for this purpose. The civic body now aims to increase their strength to 1,622 and 871, respectively. It has also placed a demand for 650 joint health inspectors (JHI). The aim is to have one ANM for every 10,000 persons, one JHI for 20,000 persons and one ASHA worker for every 5,000 persons. Randeep said talks are on with the State Government, BBMP chief commissioner and the health department to expedite the recruitment process.

He said hiring more ground staff was required as bed allocation was being done only after physical triaging. Also, the health team inspects the house of a positive person before letting him or her to opt for home isolation.

He said BBMP has also asked resident welfare associations and members of apartment complexes to keep a watch on their neighbours who have tested positive. "This is important to ensure that they stay indoors and do not violate Covid and disaster management norms. With the new variant being reported, strict home vigil is very important... for this, sufficient staff should be available. The staff will also be utilised for the implementation of other national and state care health schemes all through the year," he added.

"We need to have adequate staff on the ground to deploy them on rotational basis considering their well-being too," a BBMP health official said.

Students pursuing higher studies wait to get inoculated at a vaccination centre in Bengaluru on Monday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

'Vaccination drive in B'luru to be intensified'

Bengaluru: Around 50 per cent of the adult population in Bengaluru has been vaccinated and this will increase in the coming days, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said on Monday. Speaking to media, after visiting the special ongoing vaccination drive for students, he said, preliminary findings from the door-to-door survey suggest that some people are not taking the vaccine as the primary health centre (PHC) is far from their house. "In the coming days, special camps will be set up," he added. He said that while vaccination of those aged above 45 years is ongoing in all PHCs, special camps in industrial and commercial spaces is being organised for those between 18- 44 years, listed under the special beneficiaries list for vaccination.

LOST CHILDHOOD

56 children orphaned due to pandemic in Karnataka

BALA CHAUHAN@ Bengaluru

AS many as 56 children have been orphaned in the state as on June 23 after losing their parents to Covid-19 since the outbreak of the pandemic last year. Chikkaballapur has the highest number of Covid orphans (9) followed by Bidar (5) and Kodagu and Raichur (4 each).

According to data from the government, the 56 children hail from 40 families in 22 districts across the state.

While three children each have been orphaned in Bagalkot, Dakshin Kannada, Dharwad and Kolar, two children each have been orphaned in Bengaluru Urban, Mysuru, Ramanagara, Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Gadag, Belagavi and Yadgir districts. One child each has been orphaned in Ballari, Chamarajanagar, Davanagere, Haveri, Mandya and Shivamogga. Of the 56 children, 31 are siblings.

Meanwhile, the children were produced before the Child Welfare Committees (CWC) and later handed over to their extended families. The CWC will closely monitor the children to ensure that they are being looked after well.

Ironically, the government order (GO) on the 'Bala Seva' scheme, which was announced by Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on May 29 for the welfare of such children, is yet to be issued.

The scheme is prepared based on the suggestions of the Union Government and includes monthly financial assistance of Rs 3,500 for guardians--- who are caretakers of these children--- along with financial and logistic support for their education.

511 KIDS LOST AT LEAST ONE PARENT TO COVID IN BELAGAVI DISTRICT: SURVEY

BELAGAVI: As many as 528 children have lost either one or both parents to Covid-19 in Belagavi district, a survey by the Women and Child Welfare Department has revealed. According to the survey, 17 children have lost both their parents to the Covid-19 pandemic and the remaining 511 have lost one parent. The final report of the same will be submitted by the Women and Child Welfare Department to the State Government soon. Meanwhile, Minister of Women and Child Development Shashikala Jolle has taken the issue seriously after she learnt that of the 528 children orpahned in the district owing to Covid-19, not a single child was sent to Child Welfare Home (Bal Kalyan Gruha) or government residential home. District Child Protection Officer Ravindra Ratnakar said such children will be provided necessary help by the State Government. ENS

COVID BYTES

Flipkart donates ventilators

BENGALURU: As part of its CSR initiative, Flipkart on Monday donated ventilators to the State Government. "Flipkart is also donating 250 ICU Multipara monitors to the state...," read a statement from the company. Also, 30 ICU ventilators were handed over by Flipkart to Karnataka State Medical Supplies Corporation Limited in the presence of Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa, Deputy CM Dr CN Ashwath Narayan and Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Using mobile app to trace pensioners, govt tells HC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE State Government on Monday informed the Karnataka High Court that it is not required for pensioners to visit any office for receiving pension, with the state having developed a mobile app called 'Navodaya' to identify beneficiaries and know about their existence.

Dr Savitha, Deputy Director of Social Security and Pension, Government of Karnataka, filed an affidavit before a division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Suraj Govindaraj in response to a PIL filed by Akhila Karnataka Vayovruddhara Okkoota, in view of delay in pension payment, for not submitting Life Certificate during the Covid lockdown period.

It was stated in the affidavit that as per the court's order dated March 16, 2021, the state was expected to place on record the measures taken for identification of senior citizens eligible for pension. The senior citizens eligible for pension in the state have been identified in accordance with Old Age Pension and Sandhya Suraksha Yojana Rules, and also as per the Navodaya app, which has been developed for the purpose of suo moto identification of beneficiaries under the Senior Citizens Scheme.

Dr Savitha stated that Navodaya was developed to handle a suo moto drive along with annual verification of beneficiaries. Village accountants are tasked with visiting beneficiaries at their door step and recording their existence using the app.

During the lockdown and thereafter, the state has not insisted upon submission of Life Certificate by any of the eligible senior citizens.

Cops: Sis-in-law plotted murder of ex-corporator

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE West Division police, probing the murder of former corporator **Rekha Kadiresh**, have found out that her sister-in-law Mala, who was arrested on Sunday, allegedly masterminded the crime, as Rekha was a hurdle to her aspirations of fielding her own family members in the upcoming BBMP polls.

Mala is the elder sister of Rekha's husband, Kadiresh, a former corporator who was murdered in 2018. She was arrested along with her son, Arul, in connection with the murder and they have been taken into police custody till July 2.

Police sources said Mala had problems with Rekha for several years. Mala's aspiration to field her daughter or daughter-in-law in the upcoming BBMP election added fuel to her hatred, as she thought it would be impossible to field them if Rekha is alive. "Mala was jealous about Rekha's growing clout in the area and strong connections with BJP leaders. She thought Rekha was a hurdle to her aspirations, and hence, decided to finish her," the officer added.

Meanwhile, Peter, Kadiresh's Man Friday when he was alive, was also disgruntled as Rekha did not treat him the way she did when her husband was alive.

Mala convinced Peter, who was already facing murder charges, to eliminate Rekha. "Mala and Peter had joined hands against their common enemy. While Peter planned the murder and roped in some boys to assist him, Mala, who gave them supari (contract), had promised a huge sum and assured to bear their legal expenses if caught," the officer said. Polce are now looking for the other accused.

Minor boy tied to tree, thrashed for trespass

KARTHIK K K @ Mysuru

IN a horrific incident, a minor boy was allegedly tied to a tree and beaten up for entering a farmland while grazing his sheep, at Belagola village in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district. The victim is identified as 13-year-old **Nagesh (name changed)**, a native of Muddenahalli in Sira Taluk of Tumakuru district.

On Sunday, when Nagesh was grazing his sheep at Belagola, near the Karavali Food Court, some of the animals strayed into the farmland belonging to one Harsha, a native of the village.

Pursuing them, Nagesh also

ventured into the farmland, which lies on the roadside, to bring the sheep back. But he was caught by Harsha, who questioned him for trespassing. Meanwhile, it is also alleged that Harsha, along with his workers, took the boy to a coconut grove, where they allegedly tied him to a tree and trashed him.

Hearing the boy's screams, the owner of a nearby food court intimated police. Nagesh's father, who was searching for him, also rushed to the farm, only to see his son tied to a tree.

"When I requested him (Harsha) to release my son, saying that he might have entered the farm unknowingly, he threatened to kill us both, before releasing my son," said Manjunath, Nagesh's father.

Manjunath and his family trek long distances in search of pastures for their sheep. They had come all the way from Sira and were making a living by selling the animals. As schools were shut, Nagesh had joined him in grazing the sheep.

Krishnaraja Sagara police confirmed to *The New Indian Express* that an FIR was registered based on a complaint from the father.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its owner SMT G. ESHWARAMMA, W/o G. Venkata Shivappa, residing at No. 3/1, 67th Cross, K.P. Agrahara, Bangalore. Any person/institution having any right, title or interest of any nature in the schedule property or any objections of any manner for the said transaction of sale may lodge with supporting documents with the under signed within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that nobody has got any claim on the schedule property and my client will proceed to finalise the transaction.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of entire property residential bearing No. 3/1, situated at 6th Cross Road, Kempapura Agrahra, Bangalore-560 023 PID No. 31-15-3/1, Binnypet Corporation ward measuring East to West 65 feet and North to South 13 feet 9 inches in all measuring 893.75 sq. with structures standing there on and bounded on the East by: Conservancy lane, West by: Sixth Cross Road, North by: Property of Balakrishnappa and South by: Private property.

B.R. Venkatachalapathy, Advocate
No. 2, II floor, 2nd Cross, Balepet Cross, Bangalore-560 053. Mobile: 9341195589
Date: 28-6-2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client has negotiated to purchase SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its owner Mr. PRADYUT GUPTA, S/o. Mr. Rajiv Gupta, Residing at No. 14, 2nd Cross, Vasanthnagar, Bangalore - 560 052.

It is hereby called upon the General Public that if any person / Institution is having any kind of claims, rights, charges over Schedule Property or any valid objection to the Property sale transaction. The same be lodged along with supporting documents with the undersigned within 15 fifteen days from the date of this publication. Failing wherein it will be presumed that there are no claims, objection etc. over schedule property or for its sale and thereafter my client shall complete the sale transaction. The claims, objection received after 15 fifteen days shall not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing No. 14, Old No. (179) having PID No. 78-86-14 situated at 2nd Cross, 13th Main Road, Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru - 560 052 and the site is measuring in all about 243-1/3 square yards there on consisting of ground & first floor appurtenance compound wall etc., built there on and the entire property is bounded as follows.

East by: 25 ft. wide road, West by: Site No. 168, North by: Site No. 178, South by: 25 ft. wide road.

Sd/- AN Krishna, Advocate
No.7, 2nd Floor, Diagonal Road, V.V. Puram, Bengaluru - 560 004.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Notice No.12/2021-22, Dt.24.06.2021

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Name of work : Construction of D.L.Bridge on G.E.Bank canal near km 8.770 at Pottilanka village in Kadiam Mandal of East Godaari District. **Value of work :** 373.20 Lakhs. **Time for completion :** 24 Months. Bid Document available Date & Time: 28.06.2021 @ 11.00 AM to 13.07.2021 @ 11.00 AM. Last date for receipt for Tenders: 13.07.2021 @ 4.00 PM. PQ Stage: 13.07.2021 @ 4.30 PM. Commercial Stage (Reverse Tender 'e' - Auction): 15.07.2021 @ 11.00 AM. Reverse Action start date & time: 15.07.2021 @ 2.00 PM to 5.00 PM. T.Q.Stage: 16.07.2021 @ 11.00 AM. Contact Details: Phone No.0883-2417419. Further details can be seen at 'e' market place at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Irrigation Circle, Dowlaiswaram.
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POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the undersigned being the authorised officer of **The National Co-operative Bank Ltd.,** under the Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Second) Ordinance, 2002 (Ord. 3 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **27.08.2019** calling upon the borrower **Basavaraj G.M.** S/o Gurubasappa residing at No. 91/1/4, Maruthi Nilaya, 10th Cross, 2nd Main, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore 560 040 and the **Co-obligant Sarvamangala G.,** W/o Basavaraj G.M., residing at No. 91/1/4, Maruthi Nilaya, 10th Cross, 2nd Main, Govindarajanagar, Bangalore 560 040 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.19,06,605.38** (Rupees Ninteen Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Five and Paise Thirty Eight only) with interest from **01.08.2019** within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower and the co-obligant having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower, co-obligant and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the Ordinance read with rule 9 of the said rule on this **25th day of June the year 2021.**

The borrower and the co-obligant in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **The National Co-operative Bank Limited** for an amount of **Rs.19,06,605.38** (Rupees Ninteen Lakhs Six Thousand Six Hundred Five and Paise Thirty Eight only) and interest from **01.08.2019** and other charges.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Khatha No.57, No.27&28, Assessment No. 90/1&94/2, Gangondanahalli Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore. owned by Sri. Basavaraju G. M. measuring East to West: 40+45/2 Sq. ft. and North to South 60+83/2 sq. ft. Total 3038.75 Sq. ft. and bounded by the following boundaries: East by : Road, West By: Property Nos. 24,25 & 26, North by : Road, South by: Others Property.

Date: 25.06.2021 Sd/- Authorised Officer
Place: Bangalore The National Co-Op Bank Ltd.,

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This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase property bearing Municipal No:423/528 (BDA No:528), situated at H S R Layout, Sector 4, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:174, within the limits and administration of HSR-Layout Ward, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, Measuring East to West : 24.39 Mtrs and North to South : 15.24 Mtrs, In all admeasuring 371.70 Sq Mtrs and bounded on the East By : Property bearing BDA No:535, West By : Road, North By : Property bearing BDA No:529 and South By : Property bearing BDA No:527, belonging to Smt.Swarnalatha Chikkathimmaiah, Wife of Sri.Vasudev Ramanujaiah, Daughter of Sri.C Chikkathimmaiah, residing at #1640, S Mary Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA-94087, USA, now camping at residing at No:780, Fourteenth Cross, Seventh Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070;

Any, person, having any claim over the above property, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within Seven (07) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

[N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA]
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POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Can Fin Homes Ltd.** Under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **01/04/2021** calling upon **Gowramma** W/o **L V Achar** And **Srinivas V S/o Gowramma**, Southern Portion of Site No 189, Assessment Nos 43 And 44/1, Katha No 43/189, Situated At Srigandha Kaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore-560022 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.17,88,737/-** (Seventeen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty Seven Rupees Only) with further interest and other incidental charges from date of final payment within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on the **25TH day of June 2021.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd (CFHL) for an amount of **Rs.17,88,737/-**(Seventeen Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Seven Hundreden Thirty Seven Rupees Only) and further interest and other incidental charges thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the site bearing Southern Portion of Site No 189, Assessment Nos 43 And 44/1, Katha No 43/189, Situated at Srigandha Kaval Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore-560022.

Measuring East To West-25 Sq Feet And North To South-28 Sq Feet Total Measuring 700 Sq Feet. together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and Bounded On: Area Bounded By:- East By : Road, West By : Property Bearing Site No 169, North By : Property Bearing Site No 189, South By : Property Bearing Site No 188.

Sd/-
Date: 28.06.2021 Authorised Officer
Place : Bengaluru Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

पावरग्रिड POWERGRID

NOTICE

1. Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations'1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations'2019 i) Truing up of Transmission tariff for 2014-19 tariff block and ii) Determination of Transmission tariff for 2019-24 tariff block for **Asset-1)** 2 nos 400 kV line bays and 2 nos. 50 MVAR Switchable line reactors each at Cuddapah GIS and Madhugiri ends for terminating Cuddapah – Madhugiri 400 kV (quad) D/c line and **Asset 2)** 2 nos 765 kV line bays and 1 no. 240 MVAR Switchable line reactor on each circuit of Vemagiri II-Chilakaluripeta 765 KV D/c line at Vemagiri II Pooling Station (2 nos. 240 MVAR Switchable line reactors) under **"Substation Works Associated with Strengthening of Transmission System beyond Vemagiri"**

2. The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are:(a) KPTCL (b) APTRANSCO (c) KSEB (d) TNEB (e) Electricity Dept. of Goa (f) Electricity Dept. of Puducherry (g) APEDCL (h) TSSPDCL (i) APSPDCL (j) TSNPDCL (k) BESCOM (l) GESCOM (m) HESCOM (n) MESCOM (o) Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Ltd. (p) Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (q) TANGEDCO (r)TNTC (s) POWERGRID Southern Interconnector Transmission System Limited

3. Tariff details:

a) 2014-19 block Rs. in lakhs

Asset		2018-19
Asset-1	AFC approved	178.11
	Revised AFC based on truing up	177.89
Asset 2	AFC approved	730.63
	Revised AFC based on truing up	727.02

b) 2019-24 Block Rs. in lakhs

Project	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Combined Asset (19-24)	5132.29	5408.86	5464.58	5348.82	5221.11

4. A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at **www.powergridindia.com.**

5. The suggestions and objections, if any, on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandralok Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: GURGAON Sd/-
Date : 28.06.2021 Chief GM (Commercial)

PG/CC/Notice-11/Advt-18/2021-22 Critique

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)
Corp. Office : "Saudamini", Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana) Tel: 0124-2571700-719
Regd. Office : B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110016 Tel: 011-26560112, 26560121
Website: www.powergridindia.com, CIN : L40101DL1989GOI038121
A Maharatna PSU

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE
DEMAND NOTICE

SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

Registered Office: Office No.123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai-600 001. **Head off:** Level 3, Wockhardt Towers, East Wing C-2, G Block, Bandra kurla complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051 **Website: www.shriramhousing.in**

Whereas the borrowers/co-borrowers/guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED. We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the borrowers/guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non-Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of SHRIRAM HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following borrowers /guarantors /mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name Address of the Borrower/ Guarantor Loan No. & Loan Amount	NPA Date	Outstanding Amount	Details of Mortgage Properties/Address of Secured Assets to be Enforced
Mr. Mahadev K B And Mrs. Kamala **R/at. No. 56, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Srinidhi Layout, Konanakunte, Bangalore – 560 062** **Also at: No. 17, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, New Bank Colony, Konanakunte, Bangalore – 560 062** **Also at: G M Garments, No. 73/2, Chunchagatta Village, Konanakunte Post, Bangalore – 560 062** **Also at: Site No. 8, Konanakunte Village, Subramanyapura, Bangalore – 560 061** **LOAN NO. SHLHBGLR0000539 Loan Amount: Rs. 21,03,515/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Three Thousand Five Hundred and Fifteen Only)**	May 08, 2021 **Date Of Demand Notice** May 18, 2021	**Rs. 21,07,534/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakh Seven Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Four Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBGLR0000539 as on 12.05.2021**	**All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing Site No. 8, Khatha No. 39, situated at Konanakunte Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, now comes under the purview of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike ward, measuring East to West: 24 Feet and North to South: 46 Feet and bounded on: East by:'G' Schedule property belongs to M Papaiah, measuring 42 X 46 feet, bearing No.7 West by: 10 Feet Road. North by: 20 Feet Road. South by: Private Property.**
Mr. G Ramesh, Mr. Nitish R And M/S. Shanthala Enterprises, Represented by its proprietor G Ramesh. **R/at. No. 33, 2nd Floor, Sapthagiri, Masidi Road, 2nd Cross, Devasandra, K R Puram, Bangalore, – 560 036** **Also At: Shanthala Enterprises, No. 13, Ground Floor, 3rd B Cross, Gururaj Layout, Doddanekundi, Bangalore – 560 037** **Also At: No. 22, Khatha No. 22/1/27/1, Seegehalli Village, Kr Puram Hobli, Bangalore – 560 049** **LOAN NO. SHLHBANA0000272 Loan Amount: Rs. 22,75,197/- (Rupees Twenty Two Lakh Seventy Five Thousand One Hundred and Ninety Seven Only)**	June 05, 2021 **Date Of Demand Notice** June 18, 2021	**Rs. - 23,84,653/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Three Only) in respect of Loan Account No. SHLHBANA0000272 as on 11.06.2021**	**All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Bearing Site No. 22, Khatha No. 22/1/27/1, Situated At Seegehalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Bangalore, Measuring East To West 30 Ft And North To South 40 Ft In All Measuring 1200 Sq Feet And Bounded On: East: Site No 23. West: Site No 21. North:Site No 27. South:25 Feet Road.**

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date : 29.06.2021 Shriram Housing Finance Limited

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Union Bank of India, ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

"Jeevan Sampige:(LIC Building), 1/1, Ground Floor, 2nd Main, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Square Mall, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, Mail Id: cb478@unionbankofindia.com, arbbangalore@unionbankofindia.com, Contact No:9441215957, 9148979845

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 30 days for Sale of Immovable Secured assets Under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is " basis, by Public E-Auction** on **30.07.2021, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/ Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. Last date for submission of EMD On or before **29.07.2021**, The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., Are given below

SL No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/ Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1.	**1. Mr.M.Sharavana S/o V Mahendramani,** R/at No.513, 44th Cross, 4th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru 560010 **2. Mr. G Ravichandra S/o Sri Gurappa,** #275, JnanaBharathi Layout, 3rd Block, Dubasipalya, Bangalore -560059	All that piece and parcel of Site bearing Municipal No. 44/5, Sy.No. 44/5, Adjacent to Jnanabharathi Layout , Dubasipalya, ValagerahalliVillage, KengeriHobli, Bangalore -560059, owned by Sri. Sharavan M. Measuring East to West 22 Ft and North to South 27Ft totally measuring 594 Sft and bounded on: **East :** Property belong to Ravichandra G, **West :** Common Passage, **North :** Property belongs to Ramakrishna G, **South :** Road.	**Rs.71,32,334.87/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Four and Eighty Seven Paisa only) as of 31.05.2021**	**Rs.31,52,000/- (Rupees ThirtyOne LakhsFifty Two Thousand only)**	**Rs.3,15,200/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Only)**
2.	**Mr.M.Sharavana S/o V Mahendramani,** R/at No.513, 44th Cross, 4th Block, Rajaji Nagar, Bengaluru 560010	All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No.107/1, Western Portion of property bearing Khaneshumari No.107 & Old No.95, PID No.100-636-107/1, 6th Cross Geddalahalli RMV 2nd Stage Bengaluru 560094, owned by Sri Sharavana M measuring East to West 20 feet and North to South - 30 feet totally measuring 600sqft and bounded on **East:** Mr.Narayan's House; **West:** Ramanna's House; **North:** Road and **South:** Private Property	**Rs.71,32,334.87 (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty Four and Eighty Seven Paisa only) as of 31.05.2021**	**Rs.71,99,000/- (Rupees Seventy One Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand only)**	**Rs.7,19,900 /- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Only)**

Account Bearing No.331301990050000, in the name of "Asset Recovery Branch", at Union Bank Of India, Avenue Road Branch, throuth IFSC Core: UBIN0533131

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website www.mstcecommerce.com on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp by using their mobile number and valid email-id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the Branch Manager of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, contact No.9441215957, foir inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6)/ Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/s8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and Guarantors of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Date: 18.06.2021
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
Union Bank Of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client **MGM Educational and Charitable Trust** registered on 02/02/2000 is running a school by named MGM School and also there is a religious church by name St. Mary's Jerusalem Jacobite Syrian Patriarchal church in the schedule property bearing in survey no.27, 22/2 and survey no. 26 totally measuring 3 Acres 19.5 Guntas situated at **Kattugollahalli Village, Bidarahalli hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk** which was purchased in 2001. For the purpose of educational institutions and to build a church, and the school is functioning from past 20 yrs, and the church past 10 yrs. It is come to the notice that some of the trustees have colluded and in order to cheat the trust has fabricated documents without the knowledge of the trust. Anybody dealing with the above said property is dealing at their own risk. Our client is taking legal action against the people involved and it is cautioned to the public in general and not to have any transaction with the schedule property.

Shaji .T Verghese, Advocate
Legal i Advocates and solicitors
Call : 9845154053

Dated : 29/06/2021 Bangalore

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. B/MD/Ambulance/RH/SBC/2021, B/MD.Ambulance/HU/YPR/2021 & B.MD/Bio-Medical Waste/2021

Dated: 11.06.2021

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works :

SL	Name of Works	Approx. Value
1	Hiring of two ambulance vehicles for Railway Hospital, Bengaluru for a period of two years. **A.** Tata winger or similar ambulance vehicle(BLS ambulance). **B.** Tempo traveler or smiler ambulance vehical (ALS ambulance). Above two ambulances (A&B) as per schdule, with fuel, Driver, and lifesaving equipments etc., for the use of Railway Hospital, Bengaluru for a period of two years round the clock.	Rs. 38,64,000/-
2	Hiring of one ambulance vehicles(Tata winger or similar ambulance, BLS ambulance) for Railway Health Unit, Yesvantpur for a period of two years. The above ambulance as per schedule, with fuel, Driver and lifesaving equipments etc.	Rs. 11,64,000/-
3	The collection and disposal of bio medical waste (Covid and Non-Covid hospital waste) generated at Divisional Railway Hospital, Bengaluru for a period of one year (365 days) on daily basis.	Rs. 9,44,250/-

Last date for submission of bids: **Up to 15:00 hrs. of 22.07.2021**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

Chief Medical Superintendent
Bengaluru

PUB/87/AAV/PRB/SWR/2021-22

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby informed that our client Mr. Jagdish.V, No.14, Byalahalli Village, AnugondanahalliHobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, intends to purchase immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from by its owner Smt. Vidyadhari.L D/o Late Lakshminarayanaiha. Any persons having any claim / rights / interest in the below said or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the purchase.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1.All that property agricultural property bearing Sy No.7/1, measuring 1 acre 32 guntas, situated at Siddanapura Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural district and bounded on
North by: KalkereGadi
South by: Sy No.5/2 belongs to Rajamma and Thimmaiha
East by: Property bearing Sy No.7/2
West by: Govt Graveyard

2. All that property agricultural property bearing Sy No.7/2, measuring 1 acre 20 guntas, situated at Siddanapura Village, Anugondanahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural district and bounded on
North by: KalkereGadi
South by: Rajappa Property
East by: Sy No.8/1
West by: Sy No.7/1

Supreme Law Associates
M.N.Leelaraju, Advocate,
GV Complex, No.1668/A,
14th Main, 7th Sector, HSR Layout,
Bangalore-560102.
Ph-9986755031, 9620750878

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notify to the Public that, my client, **Sri.VELU NAYAKAR.M,** S/o.Late.Murugesh, aged about 52 years, residing at No.594, 9th Cross, Gokul 1st Stage, 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560 054, has reported that, 1). General Power of Attorney dated.18.03.2015 registered as vide document No.935/2015, 2) General Power of Attorney 26.04.2016 registered as vide document No.1439/2016 and 3) Cancellation of General Power of Attorney dated. 24.05.2016 registered as vide document No.1714/2016, all the above said 3 documents have registered in the office of Sub-Registrar Marakkanam Tamil Nadu, executed in favour of my client, pertaining to the Schedule Property. That my client while verifying the property documents on 16.06.2021 noticed that the above said documents have been misplaced/lost, while shifting the office.

My client has reported to me that above said documents i.e., Original General power of Attorneys and Cancelation of General Power of Attorney mentioned above has not been mortgaged to any Bank, Finance Institution, Housing Finance Company or any other private money lender, etc., in any manner, whatsoever and no charge has been created on it.

That General Public is hereby informed that any person/s is/are holding the custody of the above said documents is requested to deliver the same either to the undersigned or to my client and the finder shall be appropriately rewarded.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the survey No.72/1, (Old survey No.28/1,2A), measuring 39 ½ cents, situated at Panichamedu Village, Marakkanam Panchayath, Dindivanam Redi, and bounded as follows :-
North By ::: Road;
South By ::: Kaliya Perumal Property;
East By ::: Aniyappa Keramani Property;
West By ::: Aniyappa Keramani Property;

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the survey No.72/1, (Old survey No.28/1,2A), measuring 39 ½ cents, situated at Panichamedu Village, Marakkanam Panchayath, Dindivanam Redi, and bounded as follows :-
North By ::: Hari Govindan Property;
South By ::: Narayanan Property;
East By ::: Kaliya Perumal Property;
West By ::: Narayanan Property;

RAVI.S
Advocates and Consultants,
RAVI LAW ASSOCAITES
NO. 15/1, 3rd Cross, Sampige Road, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU- 560 003.
PH: 94480 79859 Date: 28.06.2021

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ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ 1. **ಶ್ರೀ ಹೆಚ್.ಎಸ್. ಉಪೇಂದ್ರಕುಮಾರ್,** ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 77600 53829. **2. ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ಎಸ್. ಉಮಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇವರ ಮಗ 3. ಹರ್ಷ.** ಯು, ಎಲ್ಲರ ವಿಳಾಸ: ಮನೆ ನಂ. 5/4, 3ನೇ ಅಡ್ಡರಸ್ತೆ, 5ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್, ಜೇಡಹಳ್ಳಿ, ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560010 ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ಈ ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾದ **ಶ್ರೀ ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್ ಟಿ.ಆರ್,** ಬಿನ್ ಶ್ರೀ ಗುಡಿಯಾಟಂ ಕೃಷ್ಣ ರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ, ವಯಸ್ಸು ಸುಮಾರು 39 ವರ್ಷ, ವಾಸ: ಮನೆ ನಂ. 76, 2ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, 11ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಎಸ್.ಎಸ್. ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಸ್ಕೂಲ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ವಿಘ್ನೇಶ್ವರ ನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560091, ಇವರಿಂದ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಉದ್ದೇಶಿಸಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಿತಾಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯಗಳಿಂದ ತೀರ್ಮ, ತಡೆಯಾಜ್ಞೆ, ಡಿಕ್ರಿ, ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಪಡೆದಿರುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು/ಕಂಪನಿ/ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್/ಸೊಸೈಟಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಜೀವನಾಂಶ, ಭಾಗಾಂಶ, ಸ್ತ್ರೀಧನ, ಮೇಜರ್ ಹಕ್ಕು, ಮೈನರ್ ಹಕ್ಕು ಪಡೆಯುವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೊಂಡ ದಿನಾಂಕದಿಂದ ಹತ್ತು (10) ದಿನಗಳ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಲಿಖಿತ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಥವಾ ಮುದ್ದಾಗಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳ ಸಮೇತ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವಕೀಲರನ್ನು/ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಅಹವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ದಾಖಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ನಿಗದಿತ ಅವಧಿಯ ಒಳಗಾಗಿ ಯಾರಿಂದ ಯಾವುದೇ ತರಹದ ತಂಟೆ ತಕರಾರು/ಆಕ್ಷೇಪಣೆಗಳು ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂಬುದಾಗಿ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ನನ್ನ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರು ಸ್ವತ್ತನ್ನು ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅರ್ಹರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅವಧಿ ಮುಗಿದ ಅಹವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಷೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ವಿವರ

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಉತ್ತರ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಯಶವಂತಪುರ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಹಾಲಿ ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ 71ನೇ ವಾರ್ಡಿನ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಹೆಗ್ಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಅಸೆಸ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 39/9ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಪೈಕಿ, ಹಾಲಿ ಸಂಜೀವಿನಿ ನಗರದಲ್ಲಿರುವ 205 ಮತ್ತು 206ನೇ ನಂಬರಾಗಿ ಖಾತೆಯಾಗಿರುವ 01 ಮತ್ತು 02ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ 60 x 55 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ 01ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಭಾಗದ 10-0 x55-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು 02ನೇ ನಂಬರುಳ್ಳ ಪೂರ್ವ ಭಾಗದ 10-0 x 55-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಒಟ್ಟು 20-0 x 55-0 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ: 20 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಉತ್ತರ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ: 55 ಅಡಿಗಳು ಅಳತೆಯುಳ್ಳ ನಿವೇಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿರುವ ನೆಲಮಹಡಿ, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಮತ್ತು 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಉಳ್ಳ ಸ್ವತ್ತು ಹಾಲಿ ಈಗ ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ ಯವರು ವಸತಿ ವಲಯ ವರ್ಗೀಕರಣದಂತೆ 1 ಮತ್ತು 2 ಈಸ್ಟ್ ಸಂಜೀವಿನಿ ನಗರ (ಹೆಗ್ಗನಹಳ್ಳಿ) ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿನ ಪಿ.ಐ.ಡಿ ನಂ. 39/9 ಮತ್ತು ಇದರಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್, ನೀರು, ಒಳಚರಂಡಿ ಅಂದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯವುಳ್ಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡದ ಸ್ವತ್ತಿಗೆ ಚಕ್ಕುಬಂದಿ: ಪೂರ್ವಕ್ಕೆ: ಇದೇ 01ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಪೈಕಿ ಪೂರ್ವ ಭಾಗದ ನಿವೇಶನ, ಪಶ್ಚಿಮಕ್ಕೆ: ಇದೇ 02ನೇ ನಂಬರು ಪೈಕಿ ಪಶ್ಚಿಮ ಭಾಗದ ನಿವೇಶನ, ಉತ್ತರಕ್ಕೆ: ರಸ್ತೆ, ದಕ್ಷಿಣಕ್ಕೆ: ಬೇರೆಯವರ ಸ್ವತ್ತು.

ಗೋಪಾಲ್, ಎ. ರವಿ, ವಕೀಲರು
ನಂ. 312, 1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 3ನೇ ಬ್ಲಾಕ್,
5ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್, ಭಾಷ್ಯಂ ಸರ್ಕಲ್, ಬಿ.ಬಿ.ಎಂ.ಪಿ.
ಮೆಟರ್ನಿಟಿ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ರಾಜಾಜಿನಗರ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560010.
ಮೊಬೈಲ್ ನಂ. 98457 69785 / 99002 69440

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED — DEMAND NOTICE

Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsulaa Business Park, Ganpatrao Kadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai – 400013
Branch Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025.

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("Act") read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 ("Rules").

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited (TCHFL) under the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Rules already issued detailed Demand Notice dated below under Section 13(2) of the Act, calling upon the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/Guarantor(s) (all singularly or together referred to "Obligors")/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amount mentioned in the respective Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice, as per details given below. Copies of the said Notices are served by Registered Post A.D. and are available with the undersigned, and the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours. In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Obligor(s) /Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) to pay to TCHFL, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, the amount indicated herein below against their respective names, together with further interest as detailed below from the respective dates mentioned below in column (d) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Obligor(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to TCHFL by the said Obligor(s) respectively.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No.	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/ Legal Representative(s):	Total Outstanding Dues (Rs.) as on below date*:	Date of Demand Notice and date of NPA
1	9333791	MS. Bhuveneshwari C V (Borrower) Mrs.Dhanalakshmi V (Coborrower)	Rs.8,75,991/- as on 02-Jun-21	02-Jun-21 & 07-Feb-20
	Description of the Secured Assets/Immovable Properties/ Mortgaged Properties: "All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being vacant residential site bearing No.12, old Katha No.521, New Katha No.349, formed in converted Sy.No.100, vide conversion order No.BDA.ALN(EB) SR 154/2007-08, dated 30/10/2008, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore Situated at Bommenahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, and measuring East to West (22.6+24)/2 feet and North to South (36+38)/2 Feet, in totally measuring 869.09 Sq ft together with all rights, appurtenances in whatsoever manner whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on the : East By : Site No.11, West By : Private Property,North By: Private Property, South By: Road,"			
2	10251362	MR. SREE HARI (Borrower) Mrs.Lakshmi Padmavathi (Coborrower)	Rs. 14,92,601/- as on 02-Jun-21	02-Jun-21 & 09-Sep-20
	Description of the Secured Assets/Immovable Properties/ Mortgaged Properties: All that Piece and Parcel of the Residential site No.71, house bearing Property I D. No.1-1-1-42, City Municipal Harihar current assessment No.8225/82-2-71/8225, measuring 4.572009/12.192024 meter = 55.7418 Sq.Mtrs. wherein house Constructed measuring 55.7418 Sq. Mtrs, situated at Mahalakshmi Layout, Ward No.3, Harihara Town, within the limits of City Municipality Harihar and, Bounded as Follows:- East By: Property of Premkumar, West By: Site No.70, North By: Govt Property, South By: Road.			

*with further interest, additional Interest at the rate as more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices dated mentioned above, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and/or realization. If the said Obligor(s) shall fail to make payment to TCHFL as aforesaid, then TCHFL shall proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences. The said Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property(ies), whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of TCHFL. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 29.06.2021, Place: Bangalore Sd/-Authorised Officer, For Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited

SREENIDHI SOUHARDA SAHAKARI BANK NIYAMITHA

\# 113, R. V. Road, V. V. Puram, Bangalore- 560 004
Phone: 080-26601152/153, 9845753124,
E-mail: sssbn3mrh@sreenidhibank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE
APPENDIX-IV
(See Rule 8(1)) r/w Sec. 13(4)(a)

Smt.Gowramma

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (Central Act No.54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12), 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **26/04/2021** calling upon the Borrower **Smt. Gowramma** W/o.Muniyalappa.S, Residing at No.406, 4th Cross, Aswath Nagar, Marathahalli Colony, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037, demanding to repay the amount of **Rs.18,48,860/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Forty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred & Sixty only) and Rs.24,55,067/-(Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand and Sixty Seven Only)** together with Interest and Costs thereon, being the loan amount due by her, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower has failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property owned by **Smt.Gowramma** mortgaged to the Bank and described in Schedule herein below, together with all rights to transfer by way of Lease, assignment or sale for realising the above mentioned amount (Secured Asset), in exercise of the powers conferred on her under Section 13(4)(a) of the said Act read with Rule-8 of the said Rules on this **27th day of June 2021.**

The borrower/s in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha** for a sum of **Rs.18,99,638/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Six Hundred & Thirty Eight only) and Rs.25,33,060/-(Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand and Sixty Only) on 28/06/2021 together with interest and costs thereon.**

DESCRIPTION OF THE SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No. 406, Ward No.24, Old CMC No.385, New BBMP Khatha No.900, situated at Aswathnagar Layout, Munnekolalu, Varthur Hobli, Measuring East to West :33 Feet and North to South: 41 Feet in all measuring 1353 Square Feet consisting of vacant site bounded on the :- East By: Site No: 407, West by : House of Smt. Kaveramma, North by: Site No.413, South by: Road.

Date : 28/06/2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- (K.P.Ganesh)
Authorised Officer
Sreenidhi Souharda Sahakari Bank Niyamitha

SIR M. VISVESVARAYA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

Corporate Office: # 109, Shankarmutt Road, Shankarpuram, Bangalore - 560004. Phone No.: 080-22956419 / 22956420,
E-mail: corporate@vcb.co.in, Website: www.vcb.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE
[(Rule-8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited,** Bangalore under the Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with (rule 3) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **09.04.2021** calling upon the borrower **Smt. Rajani Gururaj and Sri Gururaj. T** both residing at # 337, "Shrisadana" III Floor, 10th Main, Srinivasa Nagar, Bangalore - 560050 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 92,62,331/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 31.03.2021 within 60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub-Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **24th day of June 2021.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Shankarmutt Road Branch, Shankarpuram, Bangalore** for an amount of **Rs. 92,62,331/- (Rupees Ninety Two Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 31.03.2021** plus interest from 01/04/2021 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc, till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE: All that Piece and Parcel of the Residential Property bearing No.15, V P Khatha No. 110, PID No.54-312-2, situated at Kathriguppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP, corporation Ward No. 54, with present address Siddivinayaka Layout, Srinivasanagar, BSK III Stage, Bangalore - 560085, measuring East to West (29+21)/2 Feet and North to South (23+25)/2 feet totally measuring 600 sq.ft. together with constructed area of 1800 Sq.Ft. off Ground, First and Second floor with Mosaic flooring and bounded on: **East by :** Property No.14, **West by :** Private Property, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Private Property.

Date : 24-06-2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Sir M. Visvesvaraya Co-Operative Bank Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Management Branch, Bengaluru

Contact Person's Details:
Name: Shri. M Ramakrishna Shenoy
Asst. General Manager
E-mail ID: sbi.04209@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9448993206
Landline No.(office): 080-25943474

Address of the Branch: II Floor, Office Complex Building, SBI LHO CAMPUS No.65, St Marks Road, Bengaluru-560001
Contact: Saurabh Sharma–Mb:8828204208
Telephone: 080 -25943474
Fax No.: 080 -22225203,
E-mail Id: sbi.04209@sbi.co.in

[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSETS

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets Charged/Mortgaged/ Hypothecated to the Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Guarantors/Mortgagor in particular that the below described immovable assets hypothecated/mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on **16.07.2021** for recovery of **Rs. 37,92,05,443/- (Rupees Thirty Seven Crores Ninety Two LakhsFive Thousands Four Hundred and Forty Three Only)** as on **22.06.2021**and further interest at contractual rate from **23.06.2021** with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. due to the State Bank of India from the **Borrower, M/s Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.,** 11/1, 24th A Cross, K.R.Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. AND the **Guarantors: 1) M/s Sura Leathers Pvt. Ltd.,** 11/1, 24th A Cross, K.R.Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070. **2) Sri. S.R.Ramaprasad** S/o R.Ramachandra Rao, #1930, 30th Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070 and **3) Sri. M.S.Sriharsha** S/o M.S. Sudhindra, #30/31, III Cross, 7th Block, K.R.Road, Jayanagara, Bengaluru-560082.

The immovable assets will be sold on terms and conditions specified as under:

DESCRIPTION OF ASSETS

Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/146

Property No. 1: (Immovable) All that piece and parcel of land and building thereon bearing Municipal no. 44/1, Ward No. 58, K R Road, 7th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore along with all airways, waterways, electricity & sewerage connections and easement rights and standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.). The land is more fully described in sale deeds as under:
(i) All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Old Sy. Nos. 39/2B, 39/2C-1, 39/2C-2, situated of Yediyur Village, Bengaluru, measuring East to West Northern side 49.0 feet, East to West Southern side 53.0 feet, South to North Eastern side 28.0 feet and South to North Western side 25.0 feet; in all 1359.00 sq.ft (126.00 Sq.Mtrs) together with 2 Sqr Industrial Shed, standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.) and bounded as East by: Remaining property bearing No.39/2B, 2C & 2C2, West by: K R Road, North by: Remaining property No. 39/2B, 2C & 2C2, South by: Remaining property N0.39/2B, 2C & 2C2
(Vide Sale Deed No. 405/90-91 dated 26.04.1990 registered at Sub Registrar Office Jayanagar, Bangalore)
(ii) All that piece and parcel of land measuring 100' (One Hundred feet) East to West and 110' (One Hundred Ten feet), North to South situated in the North-Western corner of the property comprised in the plot of 1 Acre and a half bearing old Sy.Nos. 39/2B, 39/2C-1, 39/2-C2 of Yediyur Village, Bengaluru South Taluk, purchased by the M/s International Chemical & Biological Institute Pvt. Ltd (hereinafter called the the Vendor) and bearing the present BDA No. NIL and Bangalore Corporation No. 44, 59th Sub-Division together with all easementary and proprietary rights attached thereto, standing in the name of Supreme Overseas (now Supreme Overseas Exports India Pvt. Ltd.) and is bounded as East by: By the property of the vendor remaining out of the whole property as mentioned above, West by: The B.D.A. (Corporation) High Road. (New K.R. Road), North by: By the Road running from Kanakapura/ to Karisandra/ Road Village and is popularly called as Kanakapura/ Road and / Cross, South by:By the remaining property of theVendor out of the whole propertyand retained by the Vendor.
(Vide Sale Deed No. 53/88-89 dated 07.04.1998 registered at Sub Registrar Office Jayanagar, Bangalore)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 16.07.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	Rs. 27,81,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 2,78,10,000/-
Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 10,00,000/-
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	14.07.2021 upto 4:00 PM.

Property No. 2: (Immovable)
Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/147
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing old no. 27/2, New Sy. No. 27/3, converted vide order no. RAGK/ALN(RA)/CR/67/2014-15 dated 03.11.2014 by Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, having extent of 1-10 (One Acre and Ten Guntas), situated at Bidadi Village, BidadiHobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, standing in the name of M S Sriharsha and bounded as under: East by: Land belongs to Siddappa, West by:Land belongs to M S Sriharsha, North by: Land belongs to Sy No. 27/1, South by: Baredoddi Village Boundary
(Vide Sale Deed No. 5005/13-14 dated 16.08.2013 registered at Sub Registrar Office Ramanagara)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 16.07.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 12.00 Noon to 01.00 PM with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	Rs. 2,94,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 29,40,000/-
Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 1,00,000/-
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	14.07.2021 upto 4:00 PM.

Property No.3 (Immovable)
Tender No: SBI/SAMB/EA/CLO-2/2021-22/148
All that piece and parcel of the residential converted land bearing old no. 27/2, New Sy. No. 27/4, converted vide order no. RAGK/ALN(RA)/CR/68/2014-15 dated 03.11.2014 by Deputy Commissioner, Ramanagara, having extent of 1-10 (One Acre and Ten Guntas), situated at Bidadi Village, BidadiHobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District, standing in the name of M S Sriharsha and bounded as under: East by: Land belongs to Late Nagaiah's property, West by: Land belongs to Late Chikkanagaiah and B.G. Honnashetty's property, North by: Land belongs to Sy No. 27/1, South by: Baredoddi Village.
(Vide Sale Deed No. 13232/12-13 dated 16.03.2013 registered at Sub Registrar Office Ramanagara)

Date & Time of E-auction	**Date: 16.07.2021** Time: **60 Minutes From 01.00 PM to 02.00 PM with unlimited extension of ten minutes for each bid, if bidding continues, till the sale is concluded.**
Reserve Price	Rs. 2,94,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 29,40,000/-
Bid Increment Amount	Rs. 1,00,000/-
Date and Time for submission of bid/ KYC documents/Proof of EMD etc.	14.07.2021 upto 4:00 PM.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor represented by the Authorised Officer, State Bank of India, SAMB, Bengaluru i.e., (1) www.sbi.co.in (2) www.mstcecommerce.com and (3) www.ibapi.in.

Place: Bengaluru

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisons to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers (details mentioned below) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" on 30.07.2021,** for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the Canarabank.E-auction arranged by service provider **Ms. Canbank Computer Servics Ltd (www.indianbankseauction.com).**

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any: The details are as under:

Sl No	1)Name of the Borrower/Guarantor(s) 2) Name of the Branch and Secured Creditor	1) Secured Debt outstanding 2) Reserve price 3) Earnest Money Deposit(EMD)Amount	1) last Date of Deposit of emd 2)EMD A/c Number 3)IFSC Code 4)BID Factor	1)Date of auction 2)Time of Auction 3)Date and time of Inspection
1	1) **Mr.K V Sridhar** S/o Sri Venugopal Flat No.202, Second Floor,"Aryan Residency" Gangamma Layout, Guddadahalli Main Road, Kasaba Hobli Bangalore - 560 032. **2)Canara Bank, Chandra Layout Branch, Bengaluru, Phone no.080-23216564, 23390014**	1) **Rs. 38,90,665.60** (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakh Ninety Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Five and Paise Sixty Only) along with costs, expenses and future interest **2)Rs.29,00,000/-** **3)RS.2,90,000/**	**1) 29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3) IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4) 25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: Flat No.202, situated in Second Floor in the multi-stored Apartment Building "Aryan Residency" at property bearing Municipal No.28/10, situated at Guddadahalli Main Road, Corporation Ward No.96, bearing PID No. 96-71-28/10, Cholanayakanahalli VIllage, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560032 .The flat has a separate parking place in the basement.			
2	**1. a) M/S K R Cell Zone, Prop- G Nagaraj,** S/o Govindaswamy No 6/6,Opp Ganesh Temple, 8th cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagar, Magadi Road, Bengaluru- 560023. **1. b). Guarantor: Umesh N,** #27/7 20th cross Mariyappanpalya Magadi road Bangalore- 560023. **2) Canara Bank, Yeswanthapura Branch, Bengaluru, Ph No 080-25300211, Ph. No. 9449860035**	1) **Rs.77,80,300.31/-**(Rupees Seventy seven lakh eighty thousand three hundred and paisa thirty one only) along with Cost ,expenses and with further interest. **2) Rs.52,08,100/-** **3) Rs.5,20,810/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the Residential property bearing No.27/7-1, 20th cross, Mariyappana Palya, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023 and bounded as follows that is to say East By: 3Ft passage,West By:Private property, North By:Road (closed drain), South By: Passage			
3	**Mr. Imran Khan** S/o Shafiulla Khan No 1/3 II nd Floor Flat No 6 4 th Cross Ambedkar L/o Telecom L/o Vijayanagar **Guarantor : Smt Shabana Khanum.** No 1/3 II nd Floor Flat No 6, 4th Cross Ambedkar L/o Telecom L/o Vijayanagar Bangalore -560023. **2) Mahalakshmi Layout Branch Phone-080-23498369 ,Mobile-7259031832**	**1) Rs 29,30,658.53 /-** (Rupees Twenty Nine lakhs thirty thousand six hundred and fifty eight Rupees Fifty three Paise only) along with Cost ,expenses and with further interest. **2) 19,70,000/-** **3) 1,97,000/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that part and parcel of the property consisting No10 Ground Floor (Syno63) 7th F Cross Vinayakanagar,Haleguddadahalli Bangalore 560010 bounded on North By:Propertybelongs to Sri Vaddara Karapayya, South By: Property of Sri Govindaswamy Shetty, East by : Road, West by :Property No.2 of Sri Achari. **ScheduleB:** All that piece and parcel of the Ground Floor Building constructed on Schedule A property measuring 600sqft of built up area along with ½ (50%)undivided right title interest in the schedule–A property i.e 330 sqft of land with allamenities with absolute right, tilte & interest thereon.			
4.	**M/s Enolar Systems (Represented by its Partners Smt Sumana Ramesh Sri P K Ramesh.** Office at No 45/29-1 Gubbanna Industrial estate 6th block Rajajinagar Bangalaore 560010. **1. Smt Sumana Ramesh (Partner & Guarantor)** W/O Sri P K Ramesh No 1567 7th Cross Govindaraja Nagar Bangalore 560079. **2. Sri P K Ramesh S/o Late P W Krishna Iyengor (partner & Guarantor)** S/o Late P.W Krishna Iyengor No 1567 7th cross Govindraja Nagar Bangalore 560079 **2) Mahalakshmi Layout Branch Phone-080-23498369 , Mobile-7259031832**	1) **Rs.58,85,806/-** plus further interest and charges **2) Rs. 1,08,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Eight lakhs** **3)10,80,000/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that part and parcel of residential site no 11 Katha No 313/C Global Village Road Pattanagere (Near Essar Petrol Bunk & Med Plus) Rajarajeshwarinagar Bangalore 560098 Site Area 1080 sqft. Boundary:North by Road SouthBy Property of Siddahanumaiah and Bhadramma East By Property Of N Ramesh and West/by Property of Siddananjappa.			
5.	1) a) **M/s Jayalaxmi Enterprises** No. 74 5th Cross Lalbagh Fort Road Doddamavalli, Bangalore 560004 **b)M/s jayalaxmi N Proprietrix, M/s Jayalaxmi Enterprises** ,B1405, Mantri Green Aptm. ,Sampige Road, Near mantra Mall, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003 **c)Guarantor: Mr. Neelamegham and Mr.Karthikeyan,** B1405, Mantri Green Aptm. ,Sampige Road, Near mantra Mall,Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560003. **2) Canara Bank, Rajajinagar branch Phone-080-23151817 Mobile- 9449860017**	**1)Rs.5,17,00,863** (Rupees Five Crore seventeen lakhs eight hundred and Sixty Three plus further interest and charges **2) Rs. 1,70,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Lakhs only)** **3)17,00,000/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property, Ground, First and Second Floors bearing Municipal No. 11/4, 7th cross Lalbagh Fort Road , Ward No. 48- Sudhamnagar, PID No.48-62-11/4,Bangalore earlier eastern portion of premisesNo.11/1,7thCross,Kuber SinghLane,Lalbagh Fort Road,Doddamavalli,Bangalore,measuring East to West 30 feet and North to south 28 feet in total 840Sqfeet andboundedasfollows:EastBy: 7thCross,Kuber SinghLane,West By:Propertyof AzeezKhan,NorthBy: Property of Ghouser Khan and Azeez Khan,South By:Property of Saleemunnisa bearingNo.11/2			
6.	**1) D Srinivasan Prop C C Enterprises** # 25 9th Cross Kalyan Nagar T Dasarahalli Bangalore Karnataka. **2) Canarab Bank -Basaveshwara Nagar,Branch ph-080- 23483175 Mob- 9449862084**	**1) Rs.1,20,31,006/-** plus further interest and charges **2)Rs.31,92,000/** **3)3,19,200/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 3)25,000.00**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that is part and parcel of vacant Site having Site No.25, Gramatana Khata No143/3/25 situated at Huskur village,Dasarahalli Hobli, Bengalore NorthTaluk, Bangalore, Measuring 2280 Sft.			
7.	**1) Mr. Prasanna S (Applicant)** #28,2nd Main,3rd Cross, Subbanna Garden, Bangalore-560020 **2)Mr.Ravi Kumar(Guarantor)** S/O Basavaiah #154,3rd Cross, Telicom Layout, Bhuvaneshwary Nagar Bangalore-560040 **2)Canarab Bank - Seshadripuram,Branch Ph-080-23444369 Mob- 9630041234**	**1) Rs.1,21,15,725/-** plus further interest and charges **2)Rs.3,06,00,000/** **3)Rs.30,60,000/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that Piece and Parcel of Property bearing Old No's 13, 14 and 15 situated at Marenahalli Extension, Kempapura Agrahara Dhakle, Sy.No 368/2, Bangalore,Corporation Division No:21.Now comes under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, Bangalore,WardNo.35,Marenahalli,New Municipal No:14,3rd Cross, PID No:35-37-14,Subbanna Garden, Near Ayyappa Swamy Temple,Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040, Measuring East to West: 60 feet, North to South : 60 feet.			
8.	**a) M/s Vigneswara Enterprises(Borrower) Proprietor : Shri B Venkatesh Babu** NO.50 Koshy's Building Brigade Road Bangalore - 560001 **b)Mr.Venkatesh Babu (Proprietor)** S/o Basavarajaiah NO 595,11TH Cross,5th Main Sadashivnagar Bangalore 560080. **c) Mrs. Tulasamma (Guarantor)** W/o B.Venkatesh Babu No 595,11th Cross,5th Main Sadashivnagar Bangalore 560080 **2)Canara Bank Sadashiv Nagar ,Branch ph-080-23616318 Mob- 9449860040**	**1) Rs.84,14,892.12** plus further interest and charges **2)Rs.88,20,000/** **3)8,82,000/-**	**1)29.07.2021Before 5.00 pm 2) No. 6928295000001 3)IFSC Code: CNRB0006928 4)25,000/-**	**1)30.07.2021 2)11.00am to 12.30pm 3)29.07.2021 10.00am to 5.00pm**
	Description of Property: All that pieceandparcelof immovableproperty 1870Sft Property bearing Site No.5, Sy No25/1 of Upparahalli, Old Khatha No1255, Present Khatha No1386, PIDNo. 72638, Ward No15 "Sri Lakshmi Ranganatha Swamy Nilaya", Shanthi Nagara,Tumkur East by:Road,West by:Site No.8 and 9, North by:Site No.6, South by: Road.			

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, Please log on to our Website www.canarabank.com under "E-Auction" or contact the respective branches.

Date : 28.06.2021
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Rural service must for MBBS recruits

Health minister says 2,053 medicos appointed to health, family welfare, medical education depts

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RURAL service is compulsory for 2,053 MBBS graduates who have been appointed to various vacant positions in health and family welfare and medical education departments, said Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar here on Monday. The government has hired the services of 1,750 doctors through direct recruitment recently, apart from 4,000 medical officers appointed during the pandemic, he said.

"In all, 1,001 medical students have been appointed on contract basis from 18 government medical colleges and hospitals. Of them, 666 will work at ICUs in taluk hospitals. They will report to work by this month-end. Apart from this, 348 doctors have been appointed under the National Health Mission. Of them, 90 have been posted to CHCs and three to the nephro-urology department. The government has filled 2,053 of the 2,108 vacant posts," he said.

"Experts say that the 2DG drug developed by DRDO and manufactured by Dr Reddy's Labs is safe to use. The government is planning to procure the medicine before the third wave," he added.

> **The health department will provide assistance to vaccinate teaching and non-teaching staff, while the expert committee members will suggest how to go about it**
>
> Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar

On the vaccination drive, he said, "The health department will provide assistance to vaccinate teaching and non-teaching staff, while the expert committee members will suggest how to go about it. We have sufficient stocks of vaccines."

The state has reported 3,232 cases of mucormycosis so far. Of them, 387 patients have recovered, while 262 died. Over 1,600 people have been operated on, he said.

The Karnataka Health Promotion Trust, in collaboration with the Association of Public Health Technologies, has developed a method to test tuberculosis patients using artificial intelligence. The pilot of this will be held in Ballari, Koppal, Chikkaballapur and Belagavi, he said.

SON OF THE SOIL

A 26-foot-tall bronze statue of former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao was unveiled on the occasion of his 101st birth anniversary at PV Gyan Bhoomi on Necklace Road in Hyderabad on Monday. It was inaugurated by Telangana Governor Tamilasai and Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao | VINAY MADAPU

Fin package good, but will Karnataka gain, ask experts

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ON the fresh financial package announced by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday, former Director of ISEC, Prof R S Deshpande, said, "It is a well-thought-out initiative. The public health sector in smaller towns requires more funds and the amount allocated is welcome."

He said, "If we look at all the states, Karnataka falls in the middle of the chart and we will gain more than most states that are below us. But borrowing needs to be paid back... it should not become a trap. I don't know what will be our actual gain. It lacks clarity in the nitty gritty. Three things will benefit Karnataka. One, we will get a better borrowing facility. Two, we will get some benefits in tourism, because our tourism sector is already quite strong. Three, we will get some benefits for MSMEs, since Karnataka is among the top five in the sector. Already, 1.56 lakh gram panchayats are connected under the Bharat Net scheme and the remaining one lakh need to be linked. We may not gain much in this."

Prof Sankarshan Basu of IIMB said, "Will Karnataka benefit from it? Assuming an equitable distribution of sops, it seems yes. But as it has been observed in the past, political events and elections have a significantly large impact on such allocations and distributions. There is no major political event like an election in the near future in Karnataka, so that could be a challenge as chances are that states like Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand may be given priority."

Headded, "The sops announced by the Finance Minister today are a step in the right direction. But two large questions loom; One, is it too little too late and therefore how much of an impact will it have; and two, where will the government fund it from? Does the government go in for fiscal enhancement... not necessarily a bad idea. Infact, many would argue that it is a need of the time, but in that case the government has to be careful of fiscal profligacy going forward."

Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar said the package will succeed only if banks cooperate. "The Central Government announced a Rs 20 lakh-crore package 13 months ago, but who did it help? The government needs to help those who have lost everything."

FKCCI president Perikal Sundar said, "We welcome the proposals in the new stimulus package. It was much needed. It has to percolate to the level of banks and individual branches, only then it will serve the purpose."

India test-fires Gen-Next Agni with MIRV tech

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bhubaneswar

ACHIEVING an important milestone in the strategic defence preparedness, India on Monday successfully test fired a new missile in its Agni series with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV) technology from a defence facility off Odisha coast. The first test of the new generation nuclear capable ballistic missile Agni Prime was conducted from the launching complex IV located at Abdul Kalam Island of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at about 10.55 am. Indigenously developed by DRDO, the missile blasted off from the confines of its canister, a hermetically-sealed airtight container mounted on a Tatra truck launching platform and met all mission objectives as expected. After the boost phase, the missile manoeuvred using on-board rocket motors and advanced inertial guidance system.

EXPRESS READ

IIHMR students building global database on Covid

Bengaluru: Students of IIHMR, Bengaluru, are working on building a live management system and multilingual global database for Covid. Called 'Covid Kosha', it is an online portal for scientific information that will act as a single platform to enhance the speed and efficiency of communication among scientists, health professionals, policy makers and the public. The students are getting real-time training in curating scientific information from key research publications into the database. Covid Kosha is the brainchild of Prof Kshitish K Acharya, Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB), and founder, BdataA. **ENS**

Villagers have a feast in wildlife reserve

A villager with the food inside Bandipur Tiger Reserve

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/ Mysuru

DESPITE a strict ban order prohibiting gatherings inside wildlife reserves, more than 100 people were "allowed" to visit the Kanive Malappa temple inside Maddur range of Bandipur Tiger Reserve. They offered prayers on Monday and consumed food which they had brought.

Sources said that people from adjoining villages visited the temple and offered prayers to the deity and partook of the meal, leaving behind leftovers, which wildlife experts say could infect animals. This, in spite of the order by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) on June 4, to protect wildlife from Covid infection.

The order clearly bans movement of the public inside tiger reserves.

Bandipur, one of the largest reserves, has a population of over 120 tigers. It may be recalled that recently, the putrefied carcass of a tigress was found in Maddur range. Two lions that were diagnosed with Covid were found dead in Vandalur Zoo in Chennai.

A wildlife expert said on condition of anonymity, "We were working with the authorities to relocate a temple, but we hit some hurdles. The authorities should go ahead and relocate these religious places."

No plan to change Kasargod village names: Officials

GEORGE POIKAYIL @ Kasaragod

FOR the past four days, the buzz in Karnataka has been that the Kerala government is planning to changing the names of border villages in Kasaragod district from Kannada to Malayalam. However, after talking to officials in the local bodies in the areas, TNIE found that it is a fake narrative first started by the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority, a government agency.

"It is fake news," said a top officer of the Kasaragod district administration. "There is not even a file or petition on changing names of villages in Kasaragod with us," he said. On June 25, the authority's secretary Prakash Mattihalli released a press note with the subject line that the Kerala government has changed the names of border villages in Kasaragod district from Kannada to Malayalam. The second paragraph of the three-paragraph note said the Kerala government "has started the process" to change names. The press note was released in Bengaluru and widely reported by news media in Karnataka.

TNIE spoke with the district administration and the people's representatives of the local bodies in Kasaragod and they sounded baffled. Madhur panchayat president Gopalkrishna K of the BJP said there was no such proposal to rename Madhur as Madhuram. "The government has made no such proposal nor have we asked for a change of name," said Gopalkrishna. The panchayat is ruled by the BJP for the past four decades.

BSY TO WRITE TO KERALA CM

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Monday said he would write to his Kerala counterpart Pinarayi Vijayan, requesting him to stop changing names of places in the border district of Kasaragod in Kerala, from Kannada to Malayalam. The statement came after politicians in Karnataka, cutting across party lines, raised concerns over the move to change Kannada names of villages in Kasargod's Manjeshwar to Malayalam ones. Even as local MLA, IUML's AKM Ashraf said no official move had been made to change the names of villages, Karnataka Border Area Development Authority (KBADA) chairman Dr C Somasekhara stated that the Kerala government intended to change some names to Malayalam sounding ones, during his meeting with Yediyurappa. "The matter has been brought to my notice now. I will write to the Kerala Chief Minister that it isn't right to change names when Malayalis and Kannadigas in Kasargod have been living harmoniously," Yediyurappa was quoted by his office as saying. Somasekhara pointed out that the decision to change Kannada names might have been taken at the local level, and CM Vijayan may not be aware of it. Karnataka's Forest and Kannada and Culture Minister Aravind Limbavali, too, wrote to Yediyurappa on Monday regarding the issue, while JDS legislature party chief HD Kumaraswamy, whose party is a partner in the Left Democratic Front of Kerala, wrote to Vijayan directly.

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No: EE/P-W/Quotation/04/2021-22 Date: 28.06.2021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Project Division, West Zone intended to avail necessary Medical Equipments/Machinaries to BBMP Hospital in ward No. 74. Hence, interested Medical Equipment Manufacturers/Suppliers are requested to submit full technical details and rates (Per Equipment/Machinery) including current taxes to above office on or before 08-07-2021 by person or through sealed covers.

The details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quantity and Unit	Rate to bequoted by the Agency
1.	B-type Oxygen Cylinder Water Capacity (0-20 Litres) B-Type (10 and 46.7 Litre) Usage Medical Use Working Pressure 150 Kgf/cm 2 Type of Cylinder Filled Gas Capacity 1200-1500 Litres Minimum Order Quantity - 1	1 No.	
2.	B-Type N20 Cylinder Usage / Application Anesthetic Brand Rama Packaging size 47 L Material Mild Steel Cylinder Capacity 1.71 CBM Finishing Type Color Coated Gas Type Nitrous Oxide Gas Nozzel Material Brass	1 No.	
3.	Washing Machine 30 Kgs - Top loading 0.45 Kw drive motor. Overall size 1870mm*980mm*1200mm Rated Capacity: 30 Kg Loading Type: Top Loading Usage/application: For washing of garments in laundry hotel, hospitals and garment export units. Motor Power : 3 HP Cycle Timing: 25 to 30 minutes,	1 No.	
4.	Mammogram: uncompromised imaging, wide angle tomosynthesis Detector technology amorphous selenium (aSe) Detector size 24 cm x 30cm (9.5"x12") X-ray tube anode material Mo/W filter Mo/Rh Swivel range + 180" to - 180°motorized, isocentric rotation	1 No.	
5.	Portable Blood Gas Analyser with fully automatic operation & callibaration 1. Fully automatic, upgradeable, fast electrolyte & blood gas analyzer Essental Measured parameters: pH, pCo2, pO2, Hematocrit Lactate, glucose, Na+. K+, Ca++. All these parameters should be measured simuitaneously Calculated parameters should include Hemoglobin - cHgb, actual bicarbonate - cHCO2, total Carbon Dioxide - cTCO3, base excess of extra cellular fluid - BE(ecf), base excess in Blood--BE(b), Oxygen Saturation - cSO2 Sample volume - less than 100 micro litre Fast analysis time -less than 60 sec.	1 No.	
6.	CPAP Machine (Bubble): CPAP generator with pressure range from 3 to 10 cm of water capable of giving nasal/nasopharyngeal CPAP., Air and oxygen blender separately calibrated with flow from 0-15 lit/ min. Safety mechanism for relief of excessive pressure through pressure relief valve/regulator with alarm & power 220-230 volts 50 Hz	1 No.	
7.	Neonatal Monitors: NIBP Measurement range: 10-270mmHg., SPO2 Measurement Range: 0-50%, Heart Rate Range 15-300 bpm, parameter: ECG, Accuracy: 99%, Frequency: 50-60Hz	1 No.	
8.	MTP D & C Set: Dilation and Curettage set type Gynecology instruments Brand Mintex Packaging Type Rexine Pouch D&C Set contains Dilator Set Sims Vaginal Speculum Uterine Depressor Vulsullem Forcep Sponge Holding Forcep Ovum Forcep Uterine Sound	1 No.	
9.	Folding Tables Material Plastic with Waterproof Seating Capacity 4 seater	1 No.	
10.	Providing Tracks & Curtains & as per design drawing & direction of the Engineer in charge.	1 No.	

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I Parinitha Venkatesh W/o M.N. Venkatesh, residing at 164/A, Ranka Colony, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560 076. Have changed my name from Parinita Venkatesh to **PARINITHA VENKATESH** for all Purpose Vide affidavit dated 25.6.2021 Sworn before B.V. Nagabhushana, Advocate & Notary.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SULTAN SHAIKH,** R/a #534, Railway Parallel Road, 1st Megal bedi, Kengeri, Bangalore South, Kengeri, Bangalore-560060, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SIMRAN SULTANA** to **SULTAN SHAIKH**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SULTAN SHAIKH** only for all purposes,, vide affidavit dated 28-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **A. IDINABBA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, ADITYA son of GP CAPT AKHILESH K SINGH Residing at No. 283, 8th Floor, Jai Vayu Towers, Sadananda Nagar, NGEF Layout, Bengaluru - 560 038 have changed my name from **AADITYA** to **ADITYA SINGH** vide affidavit dated 24.06.2021

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B. Anil Kumar Reddy,** aged about 42 years, S/o Late B Venkata Reddy, R/a No. 32, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Ramamurthy Nagar Signal, Banaswadi Main Road, Bengaluru-560043, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **BYPUREDDY ANANYA PALLAVI** to **B. ANANYA PALLAVI REDDY**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **B. ANANYA PALLAVI REDDY** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.H. NAGARAJ** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Shriya Bhattacharjee Joseph alias Shriya Bhattacharjee, wife of Mr. Joseph Abraham Anthreper, aged about 44 years, R/at No.9164, Tower 9, Prestige Shantiniketan, ITPL Road, Whitefield Hoodi, Bangalore - 560048, India. I have changed my name from **'SHRIYA BHATTACHARJEE JOSEPH' or 'SHRIYA BHATTACHARJEE' to 'SHRIYA JOSEPH'.** Vide affidavit dated 28.06.2021, Sworn before Advocate & Notary Indira S.S, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AADITI daughter of WG CDR ASHWINI KUMAR, Resident of OMQ No. 34/9 Vishwa Vihar, Varthur Road, Near CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 093 have changed my name from **AADITI** to **AADITI KASHYAP** vide affidavit date 23.06.2021

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJESH AGRAWAL** S/o Narendra Harikishan Agrawal, aged about 54 years, R/a No. 101, Tower 2, Pebble Bay, 1st Main Road, RMV2, Dollars Colony, Bangalore-560094, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAJESH NARENDRA AGRAWAL** to **RAJESH AGRAWAL**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **RAJESH AGRAWAL** only for all purposes,, vide affidavit dated 26-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASH .C** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) ASIF AHMED TAJUDDIN S/o Tajuddin Residing at No. 8, Ramakrishnappa Block, J.C Nagar, Bangalore - 560 006 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ASIF AHMED TAJUDDIN** to **(NEW NAME) ASIF AHMED** vide affidavit dated 25.06.2021 sworn before notary K. Venkateshan, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, JYOTI ASHWINI KUMAR, spouse of WG CDR ASHWINI KUMAR, Resident of OMQ No. 34/9 Vishwa Vihar, Varthur Road, Near CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 093 have changed my name from **JYOTI** to **JYOTI ASHWINI KUMAR** vide affidavit dated 23.06.2021

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, hitherto known as **JIKKU JOSEPH,** S/o Joseph Pothen, R/o #5/1, 6th Cross, Victoria Layout, Hyderabad Biriyani, Bangalore South, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore-560047, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **PIOUS JOSEPH",** vide affidavit dated 28-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, M. RAMANNA Employed as MTS Chowkidar at the PARACHUTE REGIMENT TRAINING CENTRE, Bangalore, have changed my name from **M. RAMANNA (OLD NAME)** to **M. RAMANA (NEW NAME)** vide affidavit dated 28.06.2021 sworn before notary Gangaraju. B.N, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, WG CDR ASHWINI KUMAR, Resident of OMQ No. 34/9 Vishwa Vihar, Varthur Road, Near CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 093 have changed my daughter name from **JOVITA** to **JOVITA KASHYAP** vide affidavit dated 23.06.2021

CHANGE OF NAME
"I, hitherto known as **SANDESH,** S/o Sudhakara Madivala, R/o No. 464, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Jayanagar 1st Block, Bangalore-560011 Karnataka, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **SANDESH SUDHAKARA",** vide affidavit dated 28-06-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SANJAY RAJ S/o Somarajan Sadanandan, aged about 29 Years, Resident of #304, 'A' Block, Ashwini Homes, Near Mother Teresa Memorial School, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru - 560036, Karnataka, India, shall henceforth be known as **SANJAY RAJ SOMARAJAN**, vide affidavit dated 28.06.2021 before notary K V Mani, Bangalore.

DECLARATION
I, SERVICE NO 15316823P HAV SARAVANAN .M, 433 FD COY, 201 ENGR REGT ,C/O 56 APO, PIN 914201. have changed my wife name **M. SANGEETHA DOB from 17.09.1977 to 15.04.1977** vide affidavit dated 20.05.2021 sworn before notary H.G.Venkataramu, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHHANDA RANI NANDA,** W/o Amrit Nanda, DSC Platoon No. 1013, Attach to HAL, G M Palya Main Road, New Thippasandra Post, Bangalore-560075, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHHANDA RANI NANDA** to **CHHANDA NANDA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **CHHANDA NANDA** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 09-03-2021, swron before Advocate and Notary **O.S. CHENGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, AAYUSHI daughter of GP CAPT AKHILESH K SINGH Residing at No. 283, 8th Floor, Jai Vayu Towers, Sadananda Nagar, NGEF Layout, Bengaluru - 560 038 have changed my name from **AYUSHI** to **AAYUSHI SINGH** vide affidavit dated 24.06.2021.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SERVICE NO JC-311990P SUB SREEJITH .K.V, YACOB COMPANY, TB-III, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, 560033, have changed my daughter name from **VAISHNAVI K. V.** to **VYSHNAVI K.V.** vide affidavit dated 23-06-2021 sworn before notary Meer Hassan Bangalore

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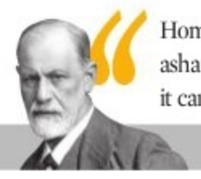

Homosexuality is nothing to be ashamed of, no vice, no degradation, it cannot be classified as an illness

Sigmund Freud

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— Ramnath Goenka

ARMING OURSELVES WITH KNOWLEDGE TO FIGHT THIRD WAVE

With an economic package on its way from the finance minister, it may seem we are limping back to business as usual—helped along by a bit of calibrated unlocking. The second wave has anyway dissipated to a large extent. Right? Well, maybe not quite. If the horrific sights of May ambushed us from behind—since we never kept a vigil—the least we can do is consciously try and avoid a repeat of history.

The Delta+ or AY.1 mutant has been lurking in our midst since at least the end of April, although we recognised it late. Haryana's only "known" case of Delta+—whose reports have just come in—was actually down with symptoms in early May. Make no mistake: another debilitating wave of the pandemic is a distinct possibility. While vaccine coverage is central to our fortifications against this self-morphing foe—vaccine hesitancy even by prominent Supreme Court lawyers notwithstanding—the other key is genome sequencing. Real-time data is vital to our understanding of where Covid-19 is going. Also which way we, humanity as a whole, are destined to go. It's only genome sequencing that will help us finetune our vaccines. India should step up research on a war footing. Dispersed over such a vast host population, mutations will be proportionately higher here. Collaborating with the world scientific community may be the way to go if we do not possess the resources for this massive task. Bottom line is, the third wave can be fought back only if we arm ourselves with knowledge.

The fear that it may hit the youngest among us may be exaggerated—the ratio of infections among children stayed the same during the first and second waves—but then the absolute numbers are always terrifying in India. So yes, mask, vax, track, trace. But also put some money into buying insurance via science.

ODISHA MUST REVISIT COVID STRATEGIES

To go for further unlock or not? That is the dilemma before the Odisha government. Starting June 17, it eased curbs and brought in a partial unlock as the test positivity rate (TPR) fell below 5% across 17 districts of the state. Most of these districts have been reporting a drop in the daily caseload, but the same cannot be said for the rest. Some of the more populous coastal districts are still in the red zone, where lockdown restrictions exist till July 1. The state government hoped the TPR would drop below 5% so that the unlock can be planned next month, but the analytics are not encouraging to say the least. The Ministry of Health's district-wise positivity rate analysis for June 21-27 shows that Khurda, Bhadrak, Balasore, Nuapada and Dhenkanal districts continue to report a positivity in the range of 10 to 17%. Another 11 districts, a majority of which are in coastal pockets, report their TPR in the 5-10% range. In fact, Odisha is among the 10 states in the country where the seven-day average TPR is above 5%. That's something worrying for the Naveen Patnaik government, which is caught between the 'need to unlock' and 'cannot risk it so soon' quandary. Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, home to key government establishments and business centres, just cannot seem to bring the situation under control despite the restrictions in place.

With core economic activities impacted, it is not a pleasant situation to be in. Two weeks ago, the state government announced a ₹29 crore financial assistance package for street vendors across 114 urban local bodies. But that's not going to be enough because businesses have been hard-hit across the board. For those in the middle and lower rung, the problems are existential in nature. Think of the thousands of hotels, restaurants and other outlets that cannot open but owners have to foot electricity and water bills on a monthly basis. Then there are grave issues of employment too.

The Odisha government has to revisit its strategies now. It needs to provide succour but at the same time ensure a hasty unlock does not compound the problems of Covid transmission since the third wave is not very far. Health and livelihood must find a fine balance and not remain exclusive of each other in CM Naveen Patnaik's plans.

The standard tax rate for states has come down sharply compared to the VAT regime. Merging the present multi-rate system into a single rated one would further reduce revenue

IT'S TIME TO REVISIT THE BASICS OF GST

T M THOMAS ISAAC

Former finance minister of Kerala

AMIT BANDRE

GST has failed to deliver the promise. Even after four years, the IT backbone for its full implementation is not in place. The tax buoyancy has been far below expectations and with Covid, the shortfall has ballooned. The compensation payments are delayed and in arrears. And now, as the compensation guarantee period is drawing to an end, most states are drifting to the precipice of sudden fall in revenue and inevitable fiscal crisis. There is a lack of dialogue on these issues—the GST Council failed to meet for more than six months at a stretch and when it finally did, some veterans of the Council openly complained of the undemocratic manner in which the business was transacted. The discussions have degenerated to party alignments. A former Union finance minister feared that the time might come to script an elegy for the GST.

It is time now to undertake a comprehensive review of the experience with the GST. I feel that minor tinkering will not do, some modifications will have to be brought in its structure itself so that the federal concerns are addressed, buoyancy of revenue assured, and the GST Council become truly an institution of federal cooperation.

Federal flexibility: Let me recall the initial discussions in the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers (EC) on the introduction of GST. The three left finance ministers in the committee shared concerns about the implication of the new tax regime for state rights. The introduction of the uniform state VAT, the overseeing of which was the mandate of the EC, had abridged individual autonomy but there continued to exist some leeway regarding the tax rates.

GST was seen as extension of the VAT principle to the national scale, with most of the other indirect taxes of the states and service and excise tax of the Centre subsumed in the new tax. Both Centre and states were to jointly administer the GST. In every invoice, both CGST and SGST had to be separately shown and the taxes so collected paid separately into the account of the Centre and states. The GST on inter-state trade (IGST) was to be separately collected. In this scheme of things, the SGST did not directly impact inter-state trade. Therefore, the basic architecture of the GST and its input credit chain is not affected by giving states the option to choose a particular SGST within a narrow band. Though the VAT had introduced uniform tax rates throughout India, in practice, there existed minor variations between states. It was the general understanding that this flexibility would be carried into the GST.

In the GST law adopted by Parliament, the only flexibility that was permitted was the right of the states to impose a special cess for a definite period in extraordinary circumstances like natural calamities, that too with the approval of the Council. On the basis of experience so far, the situation has to be revisited and some level of federal flexibility must be introduced.

The issue of rate split: Another key issue was the rate of apportionment of the GST rates between the Centre and states. Many states had adopted a consistent position during the discussions in the EC that the apportionment of rates of GST between the Centre and the states should be 60:40. The logic for this was recognised by the Government of India committee on Revenue Neutral Rates headed by the then chief economic advisor.

If there is movement to a single rate, GST would lose even the semblance of progressivity in an otherwise regressive indirect tax. ... The problem of the multiplicity of rates is exaggerated

Yet, the final decision went against the states with the equal apportionment of GST rates (on a 50:50 basis) between the Centre and the states. Now, for most of the commodities that were taxed at 14.5% under the VAT regime, the states receive only 9%, which is 50% of the 18% GST. This too on a base which is devoid of CST and Union excise duty.

Revenue neutral rate?: The GST rates were fixed after elaborate discussions in the Council and its committees. Unfortunately, with elections on the horizon, ad hoc decisions were made, reducing the rates so that the present structure is not revenue neutral anymore. The major rates are 5, 12, 18 and 28. Besides there are zero rated commodities, 3% for gold and 0.25% for precious metals. Initially, the standard rate in GST was 18%. Presently, the rate under which more than 80% of goods and services are taxed are at 18 and 12% respectively.

This implies, as we have just seen, that the standard rate for states has come down sharply compared to the VAT regime. The Centre still has many other buoyant direct taxes and customs duty, which is not the case for the states. The tax on petroleum products can be subsumed in GST, if the Council decides to do so. So the states have been permanently handicapped by the reduction of the standard rate. The clamour for merging the present multi-rate GST into a single rated one, if attended to, would result in further deterioration of GST revenue collections.

Need for progressivity in the rates: If there is movement to a single rate, GST would lose even the semblance of progressivity in an otherwise regressive indirect tax. Rates on consumer durables and urban products are the ones that have seen the sharpest decline. It is these same products that would further gain if the demand for a maximum ceiling rate of 18% is accepted. The problem of the multiplicity of rates is exaggerated. One only needs to think of the rate structure that existed before GST to realise the extent to which the tax structure has been simplified. It is not multiple rates but the procedures and the frequent changes that is responsible for the complexity of the GST. Given the mass poverty and high level of income inequality in the country, it is preposterous to suggest a common rate of tax for grain flour and luxury vehicles. The ideal of equity should be considered at least as important as the ease of doing business.

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ALLYSHIP, REPRESENTATION AND QUEER PRIDE

DR MIGITA D'CRUZ

DR DEBANJAN BANERJEE

Psychiatrists at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences, Bengaluru

June came and has almost gone again, and with it came Pride Month in all its queer, multifaceted and vibrant glory—celebrating life and diversity. The theme for 2021 was "The fight continues" and indeed it does, in immutable ways and forms.

With the world still in the throes of the novel coronavirus pandemic, parts of the world that have been fortunate enough to achieve better infection control and vaccine coverage have opened up, partly at least, allowing marches and events in the near future. Jerusalem, while still grappling with the problematic dispossession of Arabs and allegations of ethnocide, went ahead with their annual march and celebrations. London and Zurich have pushed their annual Pride marches to September in the interests of public health and safety. India—just cresting the second wave of Covid-19 and staring down the barrel of the gun at a looming third wave, with economic problems exacerbated by the all-too-necessary lockdowns and vaccine inequity—appears fated to have to celebrate a socially distanced, virtual Pride month, as with last year.

Queer identity and its celebration is more visible than ever before, perhaps the most visible it has ever been since gay protestors took to the streets in June 1969 to protest police brutality. There are more allies now, more representation on screens of all sizes. While this is heartening, greater visibility also brings with it fresh problems.

The commercialisation and corporate appropriation of the Pride movement is one. Funding from commercial enterprises makes events possible on a larger scale, allowing more people to be reached. This is particularly important now, when the pandemic means that queer identity is confined to the four walls of homes for now—a pushing back into the closet, in some ways. But large corporates also take over Pride to establish the "wokeness" of their brands. The LGBTQIA+ community becomes the cultural capital to score brownie points with.

Vans has launched a new collection of rainbow sneakers. They're lovely to look at and wear, yes, but it's a form of celebration that increases the company's profits. The Microsoft-owned social media app for professionals, LinkedIn, has added a rainbow to its logo this year around, too. But this comes as William Henry Gates III (yes, Bill Gates) deals with divorce, infidelity, allegations of predatory behaviour with junior women colleagues at work and reported association with convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. The takeover of the queer public space by murky corporates does not always bode well for a movement that advocates against stigma and discrimination, and for equal rights and legal representation. Corporate allies are big and powerful, yes, but not necessarily always healthy or benevolent.

Closer to home in India, Bollywood actors such as Sonam Kapoor Ahuja and Ayushmann Khurrana have played lesbian and gay characters in mainstream Hindi cinema, which is lovely—in some ways. However, these are cisgender, heterosexual people taking over queer public space again, for a "woke" movie and to build reputations as young actors. Apart from representation and equal rights, a movie or series made by a group of cis-het people tends to portray an over-simplified love story—where the photogenic heterosexual love interest is simply replaced by the photogenic homosexual love interest. Queer lives are much more diverse and complex than that. People aspire to do more than come out to their Hindi heartland parents and then fall into Bollywood love.

Similarly, within the ambits of our legal system, advocates (and queer couple) Arundhati Katju and Menaka Guruswamy are arguing a case to legalise same-sex marriage in India. Again, this is lovely, in some ways. Marriage is a civil right, enshrined in the Constitution. The petition however, stops with same-sex two-partner unions—not recognising that gender non-confirming or non-binary people are left out of its ambit, while transpersons are still struggling for recognition of their gender under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019. Families of choice—the place of safety for most queer people—have no legal recognition (outside pop culture references and academic citations) while families of origin (parents and siblings) and families of procreation (spouses and children) do. This deprives not just queer people but also society in multiple ways. The Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007, whose current amendment (in 2019) has been approved by the Cabinet and is tabled in the Lok Sabha, for example, has extended its ambit from children and grandchildren to sons-in-law and daughters-in-law. Adding queer partners of children and grandchildren to the act would widen the scope of support for older persons. Similarly, the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 addresses what is implied to be heterosexual harassment. Queer harassment and abuse must be recognised as a penal offence as well.

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In mental health, too, psychiatrists such as ourselves tend to sometimes take over queer discourse. This is perhaps in contrition for our previous offences of having declared sodomy, sapphism, hysteria, homosexuality and other problematic concepts illnesses in the past. Countries and professional associations are only now delegitimising conversion therapy as a form of psychotherapy. The problem with apologies and expressions of contrition, of course, are that they require ongoing efforts by the queer community to accept and forgive psychiatry. They shouldn't have to take on that additional emotional work while establishing their evolving queer identity and navigating the very real challenges that life carries with it.

Why is this important? Why are we talking about what might appear to be first-world problems at first glance, enshrined in privilege? Because, contrary to popular culture, queer identify isn't for the urban elite or for developed societies alone. All rights are civil rights and while, as the Supreme Court of India noted, civil rights are not absolute, all rights are equal and the right to equality is a fundamental one. Injustice to some parts of society imperil all of society.

As Periyar E V Ramasamy notes, "If a larger country oppresses a smaller country, I'll stand with the smaller country. If the smaller country has a majoritarian religion that oppresses minority religions, I'll stand with minority religions. If the minority religion has caste and one caste oppresses another caste, I'll stand with the caste being oppressed. In the oppressed caste, if an employer oppresses his employee, I'll stand with the employee. If the employee goes home and oppresses his wife, I'll stand with that woman. Overall, oppression is my enemy"

The fight thus continues!

(Views expressed are personal)

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Laxity of alertness

The news about the drone attack on the Air Force base in Jammu shows the vulnerability of high security zones. Just a few days ago, security forces shot down drones, but this time, one was successful in its mission. Though physical damage was not significant, the fact that the drone returned unnoticed points to a laxity of alertness on the part of the IAF.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Intelligence failure

The drone attack points to an intelligence failure of both the physical men posted at the location and the anti-drone machinery at the borders. In the days of the high-end Rafale jets that the IAF possesses, it is strange to know that it was unable to smash the anti-like drone from terrorist camps in Pakistan. Our armed forces should learn from this and be more proactive towards recognising the danger of drones.

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

J&K still a terrorist target

The drone attack shows that J&K continues to be a hunting ground for terrorists. As the drones evaded detection over a highly secure establishment, a tightening of screws is needed.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

Breeding ground for ISIS

Kerala police chief Loknath Behera admitting that the state has become a breeding ground for ISIS recruitment is a cause for concern. Without remaining in denial any further, the authorities should catch the bull by its horns. Strict action must be taken before the situation gets out of hand.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

Bad for democracy

The BJP IT cell in West Bengal not allowing its party members from having friends or interactions in other political outfits, including on social media sites, is shocking. In a democracy, political adversaries are not supposed to be enemies in their personal life as well. This new rule by the BJP will only increase the polarisation among people. The trend may also axe the very base of democracy and might prove to be far more dangerous than the pandemic itself.

Dr M Haneef, Kottayam

Deaths due to convoys

It is a matter of concern that authorities are not more aware of the inconvenience and hardship caused to the public by VVIP convoys. The latest incident is the death of a woman in Kanpur when the car rushing her to the hospital was stopped to facilitate President Ram nath Kovind's convoy. In 2010, a cardiac patient died in an ambulance in Delhi after the vehicle was held up due to the passing of then PM Manmohan Singh's convoy. When will they realise that the life of everyone on the street matters?

P G Menon, Chennai

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Rajnath Singh @rajnathsingh
We have a tradition here that even if we wear weapons, it is only for the establishment of peace. I have full faith in the valor of the army

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
A small part of the petrol-diesel tax collection can be given as compensation to families of Covid victims – this is their right

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechur
Imperative that direct cash transfers & free food kits must be delivered on a war footing by the Modi govt to prevent further growth of mass hunger

Covid tracker

5,72,994
ACTIVE CASES IN INDIA

96.80%
National recovery rate

13,409
Decline in active cases in 24 hours

2.94%
National positivity rate

1.31%
National fatalityrate

76
Days after fatalities are at the lowest (979)

15,70,515
Tests conducted on Sunday

17,21,268
Vaccinations on Sunday

OVERTAKING THE US

India launched its Covid-19 vaccination drive on January 16 and has administered over 32.36 crore doses till date. The US started its inoculation drive on December 14 and has given over 32.33 crore doses

GLOBAL VACCINATION TRACKER

UK (8 DEC)	7,67,74,990
US (14 DEC)	32,33,27,328
ITALY (27 DEC)	4,96,50,721
GERMANY (27 DEC)	7,14,37,514
FRANCE (27 DEC)	5,24,57,288
INDIA (16 JAN)	32,36,63,297

Data as on 28th June, 8.00 am

Left protests vaccine scam in Kolkata

Kolkata: Activists of several Left-backed organisations staged a protest outside Swastha Bhawan, where the state health department is housed, on Monday, alleging links between Trinamool Congress leaders and conman Debanjan Deb who organised fake COVID vaccination camps in Kolkata. Members of the CPI(M)-backed Democratic Youth Federation of India and other youth organisations demanded that police expedite its probe in the case.

Consider accessibility before taking decision

Health expert Chandrakant Lahariya also questions the concept of vaccine passport, saying that allowing travellers on the basis of vaccination status and insistence on certain vaccines is not right, particularly as access to vaccines is a challenge for low and middle-income countries. "This is still being discussed at the international level. It's inappropriate to rush for a decision like this," he said.

A long queue for receiving the Covid-19 vaccine at an inoculation centre in Noida Sector 30 on Monday | PTI

EU denial discriminatory: Experts

Indian scientists insist Covishield and AstraZeneca are the same, find travel curb baffling

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

A move by the European Union to deny "green pass" to the recipients of Covishield, manufactured by Serum Institute of India, for travel to those countries has been termed "discriminatory" by scientists and experts in India. There is practically no difference between the vaccines made by AstraZeneca, the original license holder of the vaccine and Covishield, they pointed out.

Europe's new 'vaccine passport' programme, which recognises a few vaccines whose recipients will be able to travel in and out of Europe with fewer roadblocks than others, includes the AstraZeneca vaccine, called Vaxzevria outside India but not Covishield.

The Covid-19 vaccine by Oxford University-AstraZeneca is produced mainly by three companies, SII, SK Biosciences in South Korea and AstraZeneca's four manufacturing units.

This vaccine is made from a virus— ChAdOx1 —a weakened version of a common cold virus, adenovirus, while the spike glycoprotein from SARS-CoV-2 has been added to it. The components as well as the manufacturing process are exactly the same in case of both Covishield and Vaxzevria and it is for this reason that specialists are finding the EU decision unpalatable,

"This decision is clearly discriminatory and without any plausible explanation on why the same vaccine produced in two different countries is being treated differently," said Chandrakant Lahariya, health systems and vaccine expert.

Senior virologist and vaccinologist Shahid Jameel, director with the Trivedi School of Biosciences, Ashoka University, said AstraZeneca and Covishield are the same vaccines, made using the same seed stock of virus and the same manufacturing process. "The only difference is they are made in two different locations. I don't know the basis of this decision," he told this newspaper.

He pointed out that the US FDA inspects factories and all processes for products exported to the US market and maybe it could be the same issue based on which the EU decision would have been taken.

Virologist Gagandeep Kang, associated with Christian Medical College, Vellore, said there seems no reason for this denial, except that "it is not approved for use in an EU country".

More than half of Mumbai children develop antibodies

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

A sero survey shows that in Mumbai, more than 50 per cent of the pediatric population has developed Covid-19 antibodies. This is about 10 per cent more than the last sero survey done in March.

According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation's sero survey report, more than 50% of children have already been exposed to SARS-COV-2. The overall seropositivity rate is 51.18 per cent. In March, positivity was 39.04 per cent in the 1-18 years age group. In the latest survey, this has gone up to 51.18 per cent, which is a significant growth.

"Seropositivity is highest at 53.43 per cent in the 10-14 age group, while in the group of 1-4, positivity rate is 51.04 per cent. In the 5-9 age group, it is 47.33 per cent. In the 10-14 group, positivity is 53.43 per cent, while for those between 15-18, positivity is 51.30 per cent. Average seropositivity rate from 1-18 is 51.18 per cent in Mumbai," stated the report.

The sero survey of SARS-CoV-2 infection among the pediatric population of Mumbai was conducted by BYL Nair Hospital and Kasturba Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory of BMC, amid fears of a third wave which is expected to be more severe on children.

The latest sero survey was conducted from April 1 to June 15. BYL Nair Hospital and Kasturba Molecular Laboratory jointly conducted this operation and collectied 2,176 blood samples from all 24 civic wards of Mumbai. Of these, 1,283 samples were collected by Aapli Chikitsa Network and Nair Hospital of BMC, and 893 from a network of two private labs.

The survey reveals that the 54.36 per cent antibodies were found in the public sector and 47.03 per cent from the private sector. The study has also suggested targeted health education and awareness about Covid-19 appropriate behaviour.

Registration for Covid-19 vaccination in Thane on Monday | PTI

Fatality 40% higher in second wave, reveals study by hospital chain

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @New Delhi

A study by 10 super speciality hospitals of a major corporate chain across five states, for the first time, has shown that the second wave of Covid-19 had markedly higher mortality rate as compared to last year.

The retrospective research by Max group of hospitals on clinical outcomes of nearly 20,000 patients showed that deaths were 40% higher between January to mid June, as compared to figures between April-December last year. It also shows that fatalities were higher in younger patients.

Results from the study "Differentials in the characteristics of Covid-19 cases in Wave-1 and Wave-2 admitted to a network of hospitals in North India" have been released on BioRxiv, the preprint server for medical sciences. Medical records of 14,398 cases in the first wave to the Max network of hospitals in Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab and Haryana and 5,454 cases admitted in the same hospitals during the second wave were compared.

In each wave, almost two-thirds were males. Females were admitted slightly more in the second wave. The 60-plus age group continued to have a disproportionately large share, nearly 40%. Relative to their population (less than 10% at the all-India level), 60-plus patients were nearly four times as likely to be admitted and patients aged under 45 years comprised 28.3% and 27.1% in the first and second waves.

However, the most striking finding was the overall higher severity of the disease at admission and a significantly higher mortality rate in the second wave, especially in younger patients.

In the second wave, 10.5% of admitted patients died as compared to 7.2% in the first wave. The increase in mortality was seen in both males and females. Younger patients, aged below 45, saw the sharpest increase in mortality to 4.1% from 1.3%.

Not only was mortality higher this year for patients in ICU (19.8% vs 25.1%), but steeply higher even for those admitted in other wards (0.5% vs 3.1%).

Since there were no significant demographic differences in the population during these two waves, other factors such as increased comorbidity and higher occurrence of secondary bacterial and fungal infections may have contributed to increased mortality, the exercise led by Max group director Sandeep Budhiraja concluded.

Additionally, said the paper, higher percentage of infections caused by delta variant could be another important factor. "Late presentation of patients in wave 2 due to non-availability of hospital beds could also have contributed towards higher mortality," it said.

Right time for exam: ICAI

New Delhi: Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) told the Supreme Court on Monday that this is the most conducive time to hold CA exams as the Covid-19 spread is now at a substantially low level. The CA examinations were postponed due to the pandemic and are now scheduled from July 5. In response to petitions challenging its decision to hold the exams, ICAI told the court that as on date, the numbers of cases are comparatively low.

Committed to free jabs: PM

New Delhi: PM Modi on Monday hailed the measures announced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, saying they will help stimulate economic activities, boost production and generate employment. He said the measures will also give boost to healthcare facilities for children, farmers and self-employed persons. The PM also hailed India's vaccination drive, saying it has been gaining momentum. "Our commitment to free vaccines for all remains," he said.

Parliamentary committee takes stock of preparedness for possible 3rd wave

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

THE Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs on Monday discussed the Centre's preparations for a possible third wave of Covid-19, progress on vaccination and the impact of lockdown on the economy and migrant labourers.

The committee headed by Congress MP Anand Sharma heard views of senior officials from the health, home and labour ministries on the socio-economic impact of Covid-19.

MPs from from the ruling party and the opposition asked the officials about reports of a possible third wave, the new variants and preparedness of medical infrastructure to handle the situation.

MPs told the officials that the government must speak in one voice regarding a possible third wave, to prevent spreading panic among the masses.

Less severe on migrant workers

Labour ministry officials told the panel that the impact of second wave has been less severe on migrant workers. Compared to 1.14 crore, who returned to home states during the first wave, only 5.1 lakh returned this year.

Officials were told that the infrastructure put up during the second wave, which saw a massive jump in cases and deaths, should not be dismantled like it was done after the first wave. The Centre should be prepared with availability of medicines, oxygen supply and other infrastructure to tackle the next wave and should not be caught off guard.

On vaccine availability, the panel was told that about two-third of the population will be fully vaccinated by end of 2021 and over 135 crore doses will be available between August and December. The doses would be of Covishield, Covaxin, Zydus Cadila's DNA vaccine and Sputnik, among others.

According to the officials, coronavirus variants of concern (B.1.617) led to increased transmissibility, change in virulence and also had an effect on diagnostics, drugs and vaccines. "The officials told the Parliamentarians that the proportion of Covid-19 cases with variants of concern has risen from 10.31 per cent in May to 51 per cent in June 20," the panel told the officials. The impact of lockdown on migrant labourers has been less severe.

85% of black fungus cases in Covid patients

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INDIA has reported 40,845 mucormycosis or black fungus cases during the Covid-19 second wave so far, nearly 85% of which have been seen in coronavirus patients. It has already claimed 3,129 lives. These figures were shared by Union health minister Harsh Vardhan in a meeting of the group of ministers on Monday.

Data presented showed that while 34,940 patients had Covid-19, 26,187 or about 64.11% were co-morbid for diabetes. Also, 31,444 of the cases were rhinoorbital in nature, meaning the patients had infection in and around the nasal cavity.

The disease struck the highest number of people in 45–60-year age group, but even younger ones were not spared.

EXPRESS READ

No Chardham yatra for locals, says HC

DEHRADUN: The Uttarakhand High Court on Monday stayed the Chardham Yatra reversing the state cabinet's decision to open it partially for residents of three districts from July 1. Expressing dissatisfaction with the state government's arrangements for pilgrims and tourists during the yatra amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, Chief Justice R S Chauhan and Justice Alok Kumar Verma stayed the decision to permit residents of Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Uttarkashi districts to visit the holy sites of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri. The state cabinet had on June 25 decided to open the yatra for the residents of these districts where the famous Himalayan temples are located.

'Can't say where drone came from'

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HOWEVER, Army launched search operations outside Kaluchak military station. It went on for a few hours.

When asked whether there is a possibility of the drones coming from across the International Border (IB), the officer said, "We don't know which type of drone was involved. Every drone has a range; some of them have just a few km. Since the type of the drone is not known, it cannot be said whether it had come from across the IB," he added.

A security official said troops have been placed on the highest mode of alert to foil any drone attacks on security installations. The Kaluchak military station had witnessed a massacre on May 14, 2002, when terrorists gunned down 31 people, including 18 Army family members, three Army personnel and 10 civilians. Ten children were part of the fatalities.

Army on alert after two drones were spotted near a military station in Jammu | PTI

Twitter's new grievance officer based in California, while rules specify India

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi

TWITTER has appointed California-based Jeremy Kessel as its new grievance officer for India, as mandated under the newly notified IT Rules. This comes after Dharmendra Chatur quit from the post.

This comes also amid escalating tension between the Centre and the social media giant over non-compliance of rules.

The new rules, however, mandate the grievance redressal officer should be a resident of India. Kessel is the global legal policy director of Twitter. In response to the final notice issued by the government on June 5, Twitter had said it intends to comply with the new rules and share details of the chief compliance officer. Chatur was appointed as an interim resident grievance officer for India.

Under new rules, it is mandatory for social media companies to have a grievance redressal mechanism to resolve complaints. Rules also say that social media companies with over 50 lakh users should appoint a grievance officer to deal with complaints and share the name and contact details of the officers. Big social media companies are required to appoint a chief compliance officer, a nodal contact person and a resident grievance officer. They should be residents of India.

MD files petition

Amid reports that Ghaziabad Police is contemplating moving Supreme Court challenging the Karnataka High Court order, Twitter India's Managing Director Manish Maheshwari has filed a caveat petition. The move comes after the Karnataka High Court restrained Ghaziabad Police from taking any coercive action against the microblogging site's top employee in India in the Ghaziabad hate video case. A caveat petition is usually filed as a precautionary measure by a person who holds strong fear of a case being filed against him in any court.

CLUBHOUSE CHAT

Congress MP Digvijaya Singh lodged a complaint with MP cyber police in connection with the alleged leak of a Clubhouse app chat in which he is purportedly heard talking about a "relook" at the revocation of Article 370

6 KILLED AS VEHICLE RAMS INTO TRUCK IN CHHATTISGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	36	28	Mumbai	32	26
Bhopal	34	23	Panaji	31	24
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	35	26
Amritsar	41	28	Lucknow	36	28
Chennai	33	25	Port Blair	32	26
Kolkata	34	29	Imphal	29	21
Srinagar	32	15	Chandigarh	40	28

Assam govt will take steps to check Muslim population growth: Sarma

PROTECTING forest cover, solving the perennial problem of flood and erosion, controlling population among Muslims, maternal mortality and infant mortality rates are among Assam's new CM ***Himanta Biswa Sarma****'s scheme of things. In an interview, Sarma tells* ***Prasanta Mazumder*** *that his government would take certain measures to slow down the growth of the minority population to eradicate poverty and illiteracy.Excerpts:*

What's your 10-year vision for Assam?

There are several issues. In the social sector, Assam is not in the top bracket of states. My effort will be on how we can improve Assam's rank in areas of infrastructure. Improving the SDG index, maternal mortality and infant mortality rates etc. are among the primary objectives of the government. Assam is the gateway to the Northeast. So, the development of Assam is interlinked with the development of the Northeast. Solving border disputes and bringing uniformity in various policy approaches like tourism infrastructure development, connectivity, etc. will be another objective. if you go beyond statistics, you will realise that the Muslim population is growing almost at 29%, whereas the Hindus are growing just at 10%. This means poverty, illiteracy will increase among Muslims. So, we need to bring certain measures whereby the growth of the population can be slowed down. We need to expand health and educational initiatives.

Do you think the government also has to work on the ground to control the Muslim population?

I am in constant touch with various leaders of Muslim society. To eradicate poverty and illiteracy, you need an approach that comes from within the community. This is not politics. This is simply about the well being of our mothers, sisters and the community. I will meet the leaders of various Muslim organisations next month to create some kind of initiative or leadership within the community.

What is your vaccination roadmap?

Initially, there was a lot of vaccine hesitancy in Assam. It was primarily because we did not have Covid cases till April 10. There was a mindset among people that they are living in a post-Covid scenario. However, from May onwards, the demand for vaccines has gone up. We tried to match the demand but there was a constraint on the supply side.

A few days ago, a member of Niti Aayog and the Union health secretary indicated Assam should be ready to vaccinate 2.6 lakh people every day. They wanted to see our performance. So on June 21, 22 and 23, we vaccinated altogether 10.5 lakh people. That shows our strength. We have created model vaccination counters; we have deployed technical people right at the vaccination centres so that digital illiteracy does not come in the way of vaccination.

What's the status of the NRC?

The NRC coordinator has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking a relook at the document. It is now entirely up to the court.

● Full interview on www.newindianexpress.com

DSGMC president Manjinder Singh Sirsa at a press conference in Srinagar on Monday | ZAHOOR PUNJABI

Shah assured us return of Sikh girls, says Sirsa

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

UNION Home Minister Amit Shah has assured to look into the alleged abduction and forced conversion of two Sikh girls in Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee (DSGMC) president Manjinder Singh Sirsa said.

Shah assured us about the safety of the girls and they would be soon reunited with their families, Sirsa said, adding that the Home Minister would be meeting a Sikh delegation from J&K to discuss concerns of the community. "Our delegation will meet him in Delhi, as the two Sikh girls were kidnapped at gunpoint and forcibly converted and wedded to elderly men of a different religion," the DSGMC president claimed. The minister is in touch with J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha and monitoring the entire situation, he added.

The two girls are said to be from Budgam district and Srinagar.

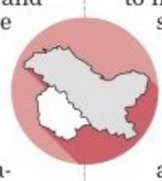
Meanwhile, Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) president Jagir Kaur asserted that no one can force a person to adhere to doctrines of a particular religion. Kaur stressed on the role of family in building foundation of future generations, saying that it is the family's duty to educate and encourage their children to follow the Sikh way of life.

"The SGPC can only preach about the religion but no one can force a religion on someone." The family and relatives of the girls who got married to Muslim families had approached the SGPC and also tried to convince them to return to Sikhism, she said. "But the girls did not listen."

Earlier, Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, the highest temporal seat of Sikhism, wrote to the J&K L-G seeking a law to prevent forceful religious conversions on the pretext of marriages.

Law against conversion demanded

Sri Akal Takhat Sahib, highest temporal seat of Sikhism, demanded an anti-conversion law in J&K on the lines of the ones present in UP and Madhya Pradesh



Converted to Islam on my own: Girl to HC

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

EVEN as Sikh groups alleged that two Sikh girls were forcibly converted and wedded to elderly men of a different religion in J&K, one of the girls, 18, in her affidavit submitted in the High Court claimed that they had eloped and married with the Muslim youths and converted to Islam of their own will.

In the affidavit, the girl, born on February 19, 1995, has stated that she had on her own will with a sound mind and without any force from any quarters made a declaration qua conversion to Islam. The girl added that she being a major has married the youth of her own free will and necessary requirements have been fulfilled as required in terms of the law. She also alleged that there was a persistent life threat to her and her husband as she married him going against her family.

The court has directed the police not to take any coercive steps against the girl and her husband in pursuance of the case if any registered. The Sikh groups, however, alleged that the girls were forcibly married and converted to Islam.

"One of the girls, who is 18, has married to a 45-year-old man, who already had three children. It is unacceptable," said All Party Sikh Coordination Committee (APSCC) chairman Jagmohan Singh. The court, however, has handed over the girl to her family. The Sikh groups are now seeking to annul her marriage.

Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee (GPC) Budgam president Santpal Singh said: "The girls said they were talking of justice. How can an 18-year-old girl marry a 45-year-old man, who already has kids?" Both the APSCC president and GPC Budgam president demanded that a law should be enacted to ban all inter-faith marriages in J&K.

'No place for forcible conversion'

Conversion to Islam has to be by one's conviction and choice without any compulsion. Let there be an impartial probe, J&K's grand mufti Nasir-ul-Islam said

AT UNSC

Kids in terror ranks a sign of worry: India

NEW DELHI: Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla on Monday said an increasing number of children are being recruited and involved in terror-related activities as terror groups take advantage of their susceptibility to manipulation.

"School closures due to the pandemic have provided a greater opportunity to these groups to target children, including through online avenues, for radicalisation and indoctrination in violent extremist ideologies. We believe that there is a need for a more coordinated approach in implementing the child protection and counter-terrorism agendas. States need to demonstrate the greater political will to hold the perpetrators of terrorism...," he said at the UNSC's open debate on children and armed conflict.

Shringla noted that the pandemic has further negatively impacted children in situations of armed conflict by hampering their access to education, health and social services. *ENS*

Didi says Dhankhar corrupt, should be removed; Bengal Guv hits back

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

A fresh spell of war of words erupted between West Bengal Governor Jagdeep Dhankhar and CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday as the latter launched a volley of attacks branding the constitutional head of the state a ''corrupt man'' and accused him of being in a charge sheet of the Hawala Jain case, while the former labelled the allegation "far from truth".

"He is a corrupt man. He was named in the charge sheet in the 1996 Hawala Jain case. Why has the Centre allowed a governor like this to continue? I have three letters to the Centre requesting to remove the governor," she told reporters at the state secretariat. Banerjee said Dhankhar's visit to North Bengal was a political stunt as he only met MLAs and MPs of the BJP. "Why did he suddenly tour North Bengal? I can sense a conspiracy to divide North Bengal," the CM alleged.

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee addresses the media in Kolkata on Monday | PTI

Making his Monday's communication with the Bengal CM public, Dhankhar said the attack on him was a fall out of his letter asking Mamata to make changes in the draft of his speech that he is scheduled to deliver in the Assembly on July 2 at 2 pm.

BJP MP in North Bengal John Barla recently raked up a controversial demand seeking a separate UT comprising North Bengal districts.

Replying to Mamata's allegation, Dhankhar said: "It was not expected from a senior politician of her stature. Her allegation is far from fact. My name was not mentioned in the charge sheet. Besides, all those whose names were mentioned in the charge sheet were acquitted."

EXPRESS READ

Bihar cops to get reward for weight loss

Patna: In a unique initiative, the Bihar Police has decided to reward those cops who will reduce their weight as well bellies to look smart in uniform. The police administration of every district has been asked to organise a competition to reward the cops who will reduce their weight.

JD-U may contest solo in UP polls

Patna: JD-U may field its candidates in the next year's UP polls. On Wednesday, JD-U general secretary KC Tyagi said talks will be held with BJP first on alliance and seat sharing. If no progress is made during the talk with BJP on the seats sharing, JD-U will alone go in UP, he said.

SPO, wife and daughter shot dead by militants inside home in Pulwama

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

A Special Police Officer (SPO), his wife and their daughter were shot dead by Jaish militants inside their home at a village in Kashmir's Pulwama district on Sunday night.

The police, meanwhile, arrested a top Lashkar-e-Toiba commander from the outskirts of Srinagar. A police officer said militants barged into the house of SPO Fayaz Ahmad at Haripargam on Sunday evening and fired indiscriminately. "In the militant firing, SPO, his wife and their daughter, 22, received gunshot injuries. The trio was shifted to a hospital, where the SPO was declared brought dead."

The SPO's wife succumbed to injuries during the night while their daughter died in the early hours Monday. People in large numbers attended the funeral prayers of SPO, his wife and daughter today.

Inspector General, Kashmir Vijay Kumar, who visited the residence of the slain SPO, said the wife and daughter of SPO tried to save him but militants fired at them. Two militants were involved in the attack, he said. "One of them was a foreign militant. We will identify the militants soon and they will be neutralised."

Kumar, meanwhile, said top Lashkar commander Nadeem Abrar was arrested along with another suspect at a checkpoint at Parimpora in the outskirts of the city. "They were travelling in a car, which was intercepted by security men at the checkpoint and both Abrar and his associate were arrested". Terming Abrar's arrest as a big success, the IG said the arrested LeT commander was involved in several killings.

India test fires nuke-capable Agni Prime missile

HEMANT KUMAR ROUT @ Bhubaneswar

ACHIEVING an important milestone in strategic defence preparedness, India on Monday successfully test fired a new missile in its most ambitious 'Agni' series with multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicle (MIRV) technology from a defence facility off the Odisha coast.

The first test of the new generation nuclear-capable ballistic missile Agni Prime (was conducted from the launching complex IV located at Dr Abdul Kalam Island of the Integrated Test Range at about 10.55 am. The surface-to-surface ballistic missile has a range of 1000 to 2000 km. Sources said indigenously developed by the DRDO, the missile blasted off from the confines of its canister, a hermetically sealed airtight container mounted on a Tatra truck launching platform and met all mission objectives as expected.

'Agni P' being fired from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, Balasore, on Monday | PTI

After the boost phase, the missile manoeuvred using onboard rocket motors and an advanced inertial guidance system. It took up a ballistic trajectory before delivering a re-entry vehicle containing a warhead and then released the warhead on that trajectory. The vehicle then manoeuvred to a different trajectory releasing another warhead, the sources told *TNIE*.

While single-warhead missiles are generally launched against one target, the MIRVed missiles can dispense warheads against multiple targets. The technology will minimise the requirement of several missiles providing a much-needed edge in battle preparedness.

DRDO chairman G Satheesh Reddy said having a good strike range, Agni Prime is the smallest and lightest in the whole Agni series. All composite, the missile has better propulsion technology and advanced navigation and guidance systems.

Hundreds of fish found dead due to lack of oxygen

Depletion of dissolved oxygen caused the death of as many as 400 fish in the city's Dighalipukhuri tank. The matter came to light on Sunday when hundreds of fish were found floating in the water tank. At the direction of the Minister for Fisheries Parimal Suklabaidya, officials of the department visited the site to ascertain the cause of deaths. An investigation revealed the deaths were occurred due to dissolved oxygen depletion in the tank, coupled with a high organic load. "Departmental officers, after examination, found that the deaths were not due to poisoning but environmental degradation," the minister said.

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GUWAHATI DIARY

Flybig connects Dibrugarh with Tripura

Flybig has successfully established its air connectivity in three states of the Northeast in 50 days. The airline had first started its journey from Guwahati to Rupsi, Pasighat and Kolkata in May. Continuing with the commitment to connectivity, it kicked off its flights between Agartala and Dibrugarh on June 25 under the Government of India's Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN-RCS). "This new flight path will build a stronger network between Assam and Tripura. Air connectivity in the Northeast has given people alternate and swifter options to travel interstate. Direct flights between Agartala and Dibrugarh is yet another remarkable landmark, providing an additional choice of travel between the two states, thereby reducing the journey hours significantly," a Flybig official said.

Conservation group presents bicycles to frontline forest staff

With the support of David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation and Manas Tiger Reserve Authority, biodiversity conservation organisation Aaranyak has gifted five bicycles to the frontline staff of the forest department, which has been working ardently to protect wildlife at the Manas National Park. The staff said they would no longer need to walk for two to three hours to reach their camps or come out for marketing. Aaranyak has realised the important role being played by frontline staff in protecting Assam's wildlife, it said.

All is not well at Mother Old Age Home

All is not well at the Mother Old Age Home in the city following differences among its two founders Utpal Harshavardhan and Monica Sharma. After the matter had come to light, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma directed Kamrup deputy commissioner Biswajit Pegu to conduct a probe and submit the report within 72 hours. At his direction, Social Welfare Minister Ajanta Neog visited the home to take appropriate steps. She said the issue would be resolved at the earliest. The private NGO-run old age home was founded in 2012. It has dozens of inmates.

$36.2 billion
aid announced by Malaysia PM to help needy households and businesses and bolster vaccination efforts in the country

GLOBAL WEATHER

Beijing	27	21	TDS	Los Angeles	28	19	LC
Colombo	29	26	LC	Melbourne	16	10	SNY
Dhaka	30	27	TDS	Moscow	22	15	HR
Dubai	41	32	SNY	New York	35	25	SNY
Houston	30	24	TDS	Singapore	29	26	TDS
Istanbul	30	20	SNY	Toronto	25	20	TDS
London	18	13	LR	Washington	35	24	SNY

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

U.S. targets Iran-backed militias in Syria, Iraq

Pentagon says 'defensive' action taken in response to attacks by militias; Iraq's military condemns strikes

WASHINGTON

THE US military, under the direction of President Joe Biden, carried out airstrikes against what it said were 'facilities used by Iran-backed militia groups' near the border between Iraq and Syria, drawing condemnation from Iraq's military and calls for revenge by the militias.

Pentagon Press Secretary John Kirby said the militias were using the facilities to launch unmanned aerial vehicle attacks against US troops in Iraq. It was the second time the Biden administration has taken military action in the region since he took over earlier this year. Kirby said the US military targeted three operational and weapons storage facilities Sunday night, two in Syria and one in Iraq. He described the airstrikes as 'defensive,' saying they were launched in response to the attacks by militias.

'WE WILL AVENGE'

The Iran-backed Iraqi militia factions vowed revenge for the attack and said they would continue to target US forces. "We ... will avenge the blood of our righteous martyrs against the perpetrators of this heinous crime and with God's help we will make the enemy taste the bitterness of revenge," they said.

The US military targeted three operational & weapons storage facilities, 2 in Syria and 1 in Iraq

I think we've demonstrated with the actions taken last night...that the president (Joe Biden) is prepared to act appropriately to protect us

Anthony Blinken, US Secretary of State

The Pentagon said the facilities were used by Iran-backed militia factions, including Kata'ib Hezbollah and Kata'ib Sayyid al-Shuhada.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken, speaking to reporters in Rome on Monday, said Biden has been clear that US will act to protect American personnel.

"This action in self-defence to do what's necessary to do to prevent further attacks, I think sends a very important and strong message. And I hope that it is received," he said. Two Iraqi militia officials said four militiamen were killed in the airstrikes near the border with Syria. They said the first strike hit a weapons storage facility inside Syrian territory, where the militiamen were killed. The second strike hit the border strip.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based group that closely monitors the Syrian conflict through activists on the ground, reported that at least seven Iraqi militiamen were killed in the airstrikes.

The Popular Mobilization Forces, an Iraqi state-sanctioned umbrella of mostly Shiite militias ' including those targeted by the US strikes ' said their men were on missions to prevent infiltration by the Islamic State group and denied the presence of weapons warehouses.

Iraq's military condemned the strikes as a 'blatant and unacceptable violation of Iraqi sovereignty and national security.'

It called for avoiding escalation, but also rejected that Iraq be an 'arena for settling accounts" ' a reference to the US and Iran. It represented rare condemnation by the Iraqi military of US airstrikes.

In Iran, foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh accused the US of creating instability in the region. "Definitely, what the US is doing is disrupting the security of the region," he said on Monday. US military officials have grown increasingly alarmed over drone strikes targeting US military bases in Iraq, which became more common since a US-directed drone killed Iranian General Qassem Soleimani near the Baghdad airport last year. *AP*

Nations chart future steps against IS extremists

ALSO ON AGENDA

In addition to the meeting on IS, foreign ministers of countries concerned with the broader conflict in Syria were to meet in Rome on Monday ahead of a critical vote at the UN on whether to maintain a humanitarian aid corridor from Turkey.

$436 MILLION AID

Blinken announced a US aid of $436 million to assist displaced people in Syria and surrounding countries and called for an effort to repatriate and rehabilitate or prosecute some 10,000 IS fighters who remain imprisoned by the Syrian Defense Forces.

ROME

AS the US works on its military withdrawal from Afghanistan, members of the global coalition fighting the Islamic State group met Monday to plot future steps against the extremist group.

The meeting came just a day after the US launched airstrikes against Iran-backed militias near the Iraq-Syria border.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Italian Foreign Minister Luigi Di Maio were co-chairing the gathering of senior officials from the seven-year-old, 83-member bloc. Participants were taking stock of their current efforts to ensure the complete defeat of IS, whose remnants still pose a threat in Iraq and Syria and have shown signs of surging in parts of Africa. Amid significant other international priorities, including taming the coronavirus pandemic and stepping up the fight against climate change, the coalition is hoping to stabilize areas liberated from IS, repatriate and hold foreign fighters accountable for their actions and combat extremist messaging.

Blinken and Di Maio urged representatives of the 77 other countries and five organisations that make up the coalition not to drop their guard despite the destruction of the extremist group's hold over broad swaths of territory in Iraq and Syria. "Daesh can still be a threat and attract support," Di Maio said, referring the Islamic State by its Arabic acronym. *AP*

CLASSIFIEDS

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO 16117882A SPR RUDRAPPA SHEKHAPPA HALADOOR, 'D' COY, DEPOT BN, MEG & CENTRE, BANGALORE, 560042 have change my mother name from **SHIVANNA** to **SHIVAVVA SHEKKAPPA HALADOOR** and **DOB FROM 01.07.1958 to 28.09.1958** vide affidavit dated 25.06.2021 sworn before notary Gangaraju B.N. Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) RAKSHITHA SELINA** Residing at No. 43, 2nd Main, 5th Cross, T C Palya Main Road, P & T Layout, Bangalore - 560 036 have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAKSHITHA SELINA** to **(NEW NAME) RANJEETHAMARY. J** vide affidavit dated 28.06.2021 sworn before notary Uday Kumar. K, Bangalore.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients have negotiated the price and is doing due diligence before purchasing the schedule property hereto from its present Owner, **Mr.R.RAMESH KUMAR Alias RAMESH ROCHIRAM NARANG alias RAMESH NARANG,** S/o.Late.Rochiram Kevalram alias Rochiram K.Narang

Hence, Any person/s, companies, Banks, Financial Institutions etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property or the documents thereof, or against the owner of the Schedule property by objecting to such sale in favor of my client should write to the undersigned within **FIFTEEN DAYS** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall thereafter complete the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of immovable property in the form of vacant site presently bearing **Municipal No.8 (old Site No.33), assigned with BBMP PID No.77-96-8, situated at BBMP Ward No.93-Vasanthanagar(old ward No.77), 2nd Cross, Madhavanagar, Bengaluru – 560001** and bounded on the : **East** : Property No.7 (old site No.32); **West** : 2nd Cross Road; **North** : Private property; **South** : Road;

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public are hereby notified that **MRS. R. REKHA**, aged about 37 years W/o. Govinda Gowda, R/at No. 25, 4th 'A' Cross Road, Ravi Layout, Jai Maruthinagar, Nandini Layout, BANGALORE – 560 096, is the full & absolute owner of the Site No. 846 with PID No. 12-148-846 of Jai Maruthi Slum, Nandini Layout, Bangalore North Taluk, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is further notified to the General Public that R. Rekha has lost the Original Sale Deed dated 17/01/2004 executed by Pushpavathi in favour of N.B. Kumari, registered as Document No. RJN-1-06763/2003-04 of Book – I Stored in C.D. No. RJND 19 in the office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Rajajinagar, Bangalore. The Police complaint in this regard was also lodged with Nandini Layout Police Station, Bangalore, vide bearing Lost Report No. 111228/2020-21 dated 26/06/2021. I hereby request on behalf of R. Rekha that if any person/s come across or find the same, he/she/they are requested to hand over the same to the below mentioned address & they will be compensated for the inconvenience caused to them for delivering the same to us.

The General Public are hereby further cautioned that if anybody deals with the Schedule Property with any person/s on the basis of the misplaced/lost document mentioned above, they are doing so at their own risk & cost and such person/s will not derive any title to the Schedule site and in such an event they have no claim of what so ever against R. Rekha nor against the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE–PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Site No. 846 with PID No. 12-148-846 **Situated at Jai Maruthi Slum of Nandini Layout,** carved out of Sy. No. 15 Bangalore, measuring East to West 5.18 meters, North to South 11.28 meters, totally measuring 58.43 square meters, with residential building constructed with Cement & Bricks, Doors & windows are with Sal wood, with Ground, First, Second & Third Floor/s, totally build up area of 1800 square feet or with water & electricity connections.

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Sd/-**SHRI. G.N. HARISH,** Advocate,
Office at # 312, Ground Floor, 21st 'A' Cross, VI Block, Jayanagar, BANGALORE - 560 082.
Dated 28/06/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client **Mr. Mohammed Baig**, S/o Late Pacha Baig, aged about 38 years, No. 17/1, 2nd Sahakar Nagar, Near Chairman's club, Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore 92 is intending to purchase the below mentioned **Schedule 'A' property, Schedule 'B' Property** and **Schedule 'C' Property** from **Mr. Mohammed Ayub Ahmed,** S/o Mr. Mohammed Iqbal Ahmed, aged 46 years **Mohammed Idriesh. M.A,** S/o Mr. V.M. Anwar, aged 40 years and **Mr. Md. Misbah Zafar** S/o Mr. Md.Zafar Alam, aged 31 years respectively.

Any person/s have any right, title, interest/claims or possession over the schedule property can file their objection in writing with documentary proof to the above mentioned address, within fifteen days from the date of this publication. If objections are not received within the time, it will be presumed that there are not any impediments or claims to conclude the sale transaction.

Schedule 'A' Property: All that piece and parcel of land measuring 19,512 Square feet comprised om survey No. 35/1, Khatha No. 15 (234/35/1) in Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, bounded on: East by Road; West by Police Quarters; North by Road; South by Property belongs to Mr. Munichudappa

Schedule 'B' Property: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 3,** Assessment No. 35/1 – Block Khatha No. 15, previously situated at Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., now assigned as BBMP New Khatha No. 223/35/1, presently **situated at "LUXURIA AZMOND'S GARDEN"**, BASAVALINGAPPA NAGAR, SAMPIGEHALLI, JAKKUR POST, BANGALORE 64 comes under BBMP New Ward No. 5.

Schedule 'C' Property:- All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No. 4,** Assessment No. 35/1 – Block Khatha No. 15, previously situated at Sampigehalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore., now assigned as BBMP New Khatha No. 223/35/1, presently situated at **"LUXURIA AZMOND'S GARDEN"**, BASAVALINGAPPA NAGAR, SAMPIGEHALLI, JAKKUR POST, BANGALORE 64 comes under BBMP New Ward No. 5.

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Dated 29-06-2021
Place : Bangalore
For, sdl- Authorised Signatory
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POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property) APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Baroda West of Chord Road Branch, Bangalore** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec 13(12) read with Rule-3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued Demand Notice dated **03.04.2021** calling upon the Borrower: **1) Smt. Kavitha.L.** W/o Saravanan **2) Sri. Saravanan M K** S/o Kashi Muniswamy both R/o No.8 (Old Site No.2), F Street, 1st Cross, Keshavanagara, Near K.P.Agrahara Police Station, Near Thammaiah Park, Magadi Road (Water Tank) Bangalore-560023 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 44,16,812/-** (Rupees Forty four Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Only) as on **31.03.2021** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **24th day of June 2021.**

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda** for an amount of **Rs. 44,16,812/-** (Rupees Forty four Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Eight Hundred Twelve Only) and interest thereon.

The Borrower's attention is invited to Provisions of Sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing New No. 08, Old No. 02, PID No. 31-40-8, F Street, 1st Cross, Keshava Nagar, Ward No. 31, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023, measuring East to West 20 Feet and North to South 25 feet, totally measuring 500 Sq.Ft with built up are of 2000 Sq.Ft consist of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors with RCC Roofing, brick walls with mosaic flooring, doors and windows made up of forest wood and the said property bounded on the East by : Site No.1, On the West by : Site No. 3, On the North by : Cross Street, On the South by : Site No.04

Place : Bangalore
Date : 24.06.2021
Sd/- Authorised Officer
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ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು – (1) **INDENT33648/CALL-4,** ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂ.ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 48.79 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1.22 ಲಕ್ಷ, (2) **INDENT33202/CALL-5,** ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂ.ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 46.03 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 1.15 ಲಕ್ಷ, (3) **INDENT32352/CALL-5,** ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂ.ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 74.28 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.1.86 ಲಕ್ಷ, (4) **INDENT 32697/CALL-4,** ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂ.ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 29.16 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 0.73 ಲಕ್ಷ, ಕಾಲಮಿತಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸಹಿತ): ಕ್ರಸಂಖ್ಯೆ (1), (2) & (4) – 60 ದಿನಗಳು, ಕ್ರಸಂಖ್ಯೆ (3) – 90 ದಿನಗಳು, ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ & ಮೇಲಿನ.

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(KARNATAKA RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DEPARTMENT)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RURAL WATER SUPPLY & SANITATION DIVISION, KALABURGI-585105
No:EE/RWS&SD/Tech/2021-22/574 Dated :-25.06.2021

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two cover)

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation Division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial bid tender for drinking water works from eligible civil contractor detailed as below.

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only

1) Name of work : Aland Taluka -01 (Indent No 27836) . 2) Head of A/C : Jal Jeevan Mission 2020-21. 3) Eligibility of Contractor : Class-III & II & above. 4) Tender Amount : Min 1,54,28,385/- Max 1,54,28,385/- 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 25-06-2021 11:00am. 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal. 7) Pre bid meeting date : 02-07-2021 at 11.00 am. 8) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 07-07-2021 4.00pm 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : 08-07-2021 11:00am. 10) Opening of Financial Bid : 10-07-2021 11:00am. 11) Address forany clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitaion Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi

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Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Kalaburagi

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No:EE/RWS&SD/Tech/2020-21/580 Dated :-28.06.2021

E-PROCURMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitation division, Kalaburagi on behalf of Honorable Governor, Karnataka here by invites separate Technical & Financial tender from the Manufacturer /Authorized delears for Supply and delivery of Hopper Tipper (3 Wheeler) with dry and wet partition under Swachh Bharat Mission detailed as below

The Tender Document with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site http://eporc.karnataka.gov.in and should be submitted through E-procurment system only.

1) Name of work : Supply and delivery of Hopper Tipper (3 Wheeler)dry and wet partition for Kalaburagi District (3 Wheeler call-II). 2) Head of A/C : SBM. 3) Amount put to tender : Min Rs. 1,51,30,000-00, Max Rs. 1,51,30,000-00. 4) Eligibility of Contractor : Manufacturer / Authorized delears. 5) Date of Commencement of downloading of Bidding document : 28-06-2021 11:00am. 6) Cost of tender form and EMD : As per E-portal. 7) Pre bid meeting Date: 06-07-2020 11:00 Venue: As per E-portal. 8) Last Date to submit bids on e-portal : 09-07-2021 4.00pm. 9) Opening of Techincal Bid : 12-07-2021 4.01pm. 10) Opening of Financial Bid : 14-07-2021 11:00am. 11) Address for any clarification reg.tender : Office of the Executive Engineer Rural Drinking water & Sanitaion Division, PRE division 1st floor Kusanoor road Kalaburagi.

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Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers and co-borrowers	Section 13 (2) Notice Date	Outstanding amount as per Section 13 (2) Notice	Property Address
1	26692454	Home Loan	1. Pasupala Guru Manjunath 2. Pasupala Bharathi	12.06.2021	INR 3442279.51/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Flat No.fo-2 In 4th Floor, Consists Of 2 Bed Room, 1 Attached Bathroom, 1 Common Bathroom, 1 Living Room, Modular Kitchen, Katha No.46/1, Measuring 800 Sq.ft. Sba With Undivided Share, Right, Title And Ineterest Of 280 Sq.ft. Along With One Covered Car Parking, Situated At Site No. 6, Katha No. 46/1, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahill Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of BBMP, Ward No.187 And, Bounded As: **East : Flat No. Fo-03, West: Flat No. Fo-01, North: Passage & Private Property, South : Road**
2	26692279	Housing Loan	1. Renuka Ramesh 2. Ramesh C	12.06.2021	INR 2619364.54/-	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Property Bearing Northern Portion Of Site Bo. 127, Katha No. 43/3, Bbmp Katha Sl.no.3, Property No.43/3/127, Situated At Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Presently Comes Under The Limits Of Bbmp, Bangalore, Measuring East To West 30 Ft. North To South 20 Ft., All Measuring 600 Sq.ft. And, Bounded As: **East : Road, West: Site No.128, North : Site No.126, South : Remaining Portion Site No.127**

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ECLGS success hinges on willingness to lend

The exposure of public banks has been about 1.5 per cent of net advances, while for private banks it just 2 per cent

SESA SEN @New Delhi

A top-up of ₹1.5 lakh crore to the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS), taking the total outlay to ₹4.5 lakh crore, has come as a major relief for Covid-hit industries struggling to limp back to normalcy, with demand in both the domestic and export markets have been hit badly. The move comes as loan sanctions under the scheme near the ₹3-lakh-crore mark after the government expanded the scope of the scheme beyond just small and medium businesses. However, the success of ECLGS will solely depend on lenders' willingness to lend in a depressed demand situation, as it could add to the indebtedness of borrowers. This anxiety surfaces even as the government stands guarantee for the credit risk.

"These loans (given under ECLGS) have a 12-month moratorium. Companies are keen on taking loans under this scheme, but there is no clarity how many borrowers will be able to repay given the underlying stress in businesses. The only silver lining is we have been increasing provisions to cover for the losses," said a senior banker, requesting anonymity.

The scheme is now available until December 31, 2021, or till

guarantees worth ₹4.5 lakh crore are sanctioned, whichever is earlier. Out of the original ₹3 lakh crore, banks have already sanctioned a cumulative ₹2.69 lakh crore and disbursed around ₹2.1 lakh crore under ECLGS, according to the latest available data.

The pace of utilisation, however, has been slow.

For instance, the exposure of public sector banks has been about 1-1.5 per cent of net advances, while the impact for the frontline private banks is not high (2 per cent of loans).

"Our initial thesis was that the borrowers and lenders would look to utilise the scheme in a relatively short time after the window was opened. However, we see that banks have been quite restrictive in using ECLGS. It is quite hard to understand if this behavior represents borrowers or lenders lack of confidence to recover from this slowdown or confidence to come back strongly once the economy returns to normalcy," noted analysts from Kotak Institutional Equities. "Discussions with large private banks in the past indicated that the disbursements were also towards borrowers who utilised the scheme to lower the cost of debt and not necessarily to improve cash flows," they added.

Monday's package also included ₹1.1 lakh crore loan guarantee scheme for Covid-hit sectors, including health sector, which includes cover for expansion or for new projects.

New bad bank expected to be launched in July

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

THE new bad bank is likely to be launched later this week with all the regulatory approvals in place. According to sources aware of the development, the Indian Banks Association (IBA) has already filed an application with the Registrar of Companies at the Ministry of Corporate Affairs to incorporate the National Asset Reconstruction Company Ltd and its debt management company. — India Debt Management Company Ltd (IDMCL). The proposal is also expected also get a green signal from the Cabinet by end of June or early July, the sources added.

"We are expecting everything to be put in place by June 30 and from July 1 onwards things will start functioning," said a senior banker in the know. Lenders have so far reviewed 101 non-performing assets (NPAs) in the first phase and now plan to transfer 22 accounts amounting to roughly ₹89,000 crore to the bad bank. These include names like Videocon's VOVL (₹22,532 crore total exposure), Reliance Naval and Engineering Limited (₹8,934 crore), Amtek Auto (₹9,014 crore), Jaypee Infratech (₹7,950 crore), Castex Technologies (₹6,337 crore), GTL Limited (₹4,866 crore), Visa Steel (₹3,394 crore), and others.

₹89,000 cr
To be transferred to bad bank

₹31,000 cr
Govt guarantee on bad loans

Among banks, for instance, state-run Punjab National Bank (PNB) said that it has identified NPAs of ₹8,000 crore to be transferred to NARCL. The bad bank will pay up to 15 per cent of the agreed value for the loans in cash and the remaining 85 per cent would be government-guaranteed security receipts. The government guarantee would be invoked if there is loss against the threshold value. The government is expected to provide a guarantee of ₹31,000 crore for a period of five years for the NARCL.

Public sector banks, led by Canara Bank, together are expected to pick up a 51 per cent stake in the bad bank. In an exchange filing earlier, the state-owned Canara Bank said its board had given in-principle approval to be the lead sponsor of the bad bank, with a 12 per cent stake in the entity. Canara Bank has sought the RBI's approval for the same.

₹3 lakh cr result-linked scheme for power cos

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UNION Minister of Finance Nirmala Sitharaman announced on Monday an allocation of ₹3.03 lakh crore towards a revamped reform-based result-linked power distribution scheme. The announcement came as part of the government's fresh stimulus package for the economy, which was announced by the finance minister. According to the presentation, the Centre's share in the allocation towards the scheme will be ₹97,631 crore.

The scheme, a similar announcement for which was made in the Union Budget for FY2021-22 in February this year, is aimed at providing financial assistance to power distribution companies to help them in infrastructure creation, up-gradation of systems, capacity building, and process improvement, Sitharaman said. The scheme will put forward state-specific intervention in place of a "one size fits all" approach.

"However, participation in the scheme is contingent to prequalification criteria such as the publication of audited financial reports, upfront liquidation of state government's dues/subsidy to DISCOMS and non-creation of additional regulatory assets," Sitharaman said. Companies and discoms that do not meet the criteria, will not get support under the scheme.

The most recent updates on the power ministry's PRAAPTI portal, which tracks the payment dues of India's power distribution companies, shows that discoms have cleared a massive ₹33,720 crore of overdues, bringing the total down from ₹1,01,432 crore at the end of February 2021 to ₹89,982 crore at the end of March 2021. Excluding payables which are disputed, overdues fell from ₹84,478 crore to ₹67,417 crore.

Tourism sector welcomes free visa scheme, seeks further extension

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

THE government's decision to issue free visas to 5 lakh tourists has been widely welcomed by India's Covid-hit tourism sector. However, the industry believes that the scheme should be extended by up to 2 years against the stipulated deadline of March 31, 2022.

"After almost 15 months of the pandemic, the formal recognition that Indian Tourism, travel & hospitality is under stress and requires structured support is a first step and can be augmented. While the waiver of 5 lakhs tourist visas is a positive, it should be extended till 2023-24 or till at least all pre-pandemic tourist business is restored," said Aashish Gupta, Consulting CEO, FAITH (Federation of Hotel & Restaurant Associations of India).

But a senior executive at a leading travel booking platform, requesting anonymity, said that it is highly unlikely

that foreign tourists would want to visit India anytime soon given the negative publicity we earned during the second wave.

"Fear of the third wave, new virus variants, and the fact that our vaccines have still not been given clearance by international institutions remain big concerns for the sector. Free visa is an excellent idea but it should remain free of a deadline," he said. The free visa scheme will be applicable till March 31, 2022 or till 5 lakh visas are issued, whichever is earlier, the government said.

Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman also said that 2019 saw almost 1.1 crore foreign tourist arrivals (FTAs) who collectively spent $30 billion on leisure and business.

"The average daily stay for a foreign tourist in India is 21 days and their average daily spending per tourist is about $34 (Rs 2,400). Once (tourism) visa issuance resumes, the first 5 lakh tourists visas will be issued free of charge," Sitharaman said.

Besides the free visa scheme, Sitharaman also announced a new loan guarantee scheme for 994 travel and tourism stakeholders (TTS, as recognised by the Tourism Ministry) and 10,700 regional- or state-level licensed tourist guides. Rajiv Mehra, President of Indian Association of Tour Operators, also requested the government to consider giving a one-time financial grant to all recognised tour operators.

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CAIT favours new rules for e-commerce

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@New Delhi

A day after Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal took a dig at e-commerce giants for "displacing jobs" and "acting arrogant", the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) has written a letter to various representative bodies including the Confederation of All India Industries (CII), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Nasscom, and the Retail Association of India (RAI) urging them to support the notification of the recently proposed E-commerce Rules under the Consumer Protection Act (2020).

"We have come to know that several e-commerce companies may use the platform of your organizations to derail the process of implementation of these rules," CAIT's letter claimed.

The Indian government has proposed stringent measures to prevent abuse of dominance, direct selling by platforms, and banned flash sales under the new amendments. On Sunday, the Union commerce minister minced no words in criticizing US based e-commerce firms, accusing them of using low-cost capital to dominate Indian markets, resulting in the displacement of millions of jobs.

Goyal said that in his past meetings with the representatives of big e-commerce firms, he saw a little bit of arrogance because of their ability to finance large amounts of money in certain product categories, which is detrimental to small traders and unfair.

The minister, while not naming Amazon, hit out at Jeff Bezos' announcement of investing $1 billion in Indian markets last year.

"They have incurred losses while operating in India during the last two years and are in fact funding their own losses. So, they are doing the country no favour," Goyal had said.

ONGC sticks to old tax regime for MAT credit

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@Chennai

STATE-RUN oil explorer Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has stuck to paying taxes under the old corporate tax regime due to a "substantial" amount of unutilised MAT tax credit available.

A switch to the new tax regime, which offers a corporate income tax rate of 22 per cent, would require the company to give up this accumulated tax credit since they cannot be carried over into the new tax regime.

The company's standalone results for the financial year 2020-21 declared a profit before tax of ₹16,402.79 crore and total tax expenses of ₹5,156.3 crore (31.43 per cent). During the last year, profit before tax stood at ₹20,387.82 crore and total tax expenses at ₹6,924.15 crore (33.96 per cent)

But, "there is a substantial amount of unutilized MAT credit available, which can be used under existing tax regime, but not under new tax regime," ONGC said in response to a query on its tax expenses.

Indian tax laws require companies to pay a Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT)—set at 15% from FY20. The difference between MAT paid by the company and the actual incidence of tax according to general income tax provisions is considered MAT credit (when MAT paid is higher than the latter). Companies can set off accumulated MAT credit against future tax expenses for a 15 year period.

While ONGC did not reveal MAT credit available currently, its latest annual report (for FY20) puts MAT credit entitlement at ₹1,787.9 crore as of the end of March 31, 2020.

EXPRESS READ

Nalco Q4 profit rises nine-fold to ₹936 cr

New Delhi: National Aluminium Co Ltd (Nalco) on Monday reported a nine-fold rise in consolidated profit at ₹935.74 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2021 helped by strong operational performance and favourable prices. The company had posted a consolidated profit of `100.51 crore in the year-ago period. Its consolidated income rose to ₹2,874.47 crore.

Co-op banks shall not outsource core functions

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed cooperative banks not to outsource core management functions such as policy formulation, internal audit and compliance, compliance with KYC norms, credit sanction and management of investment portfolio. Lenders, it said, can hire experts, including former employees, on a contractual basis, subject to conditions.

Tata Motors bets big on EV space

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @New Delhi

EVEN as many carmakers are reluctant to launch electric vehicles (EVs) in India, homegrown auto-major Tata Motors has said that it is planning to bring as many as 10 new battery-driven electric vehicles (BEV) in the next four years.

"In India, EV penetration in our portfolio has now doubled to 2 per cent this year and we expect penetration to increase exponentially in the coming years. By 2025, Tata Motors will have 10 new BEV vehicles and as a Group, we will invest proactively to set up charging infrastructure across the country," said N Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Motors, to the shareholders in the company's 76th Annual Report.

At present, Tata Motors is the largest EV player in the country, with two electric four-wheelers (e4W) and commanding a market share of 71 per cent. Tata's Nexon EV is India's best-selling e4W with

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N Chandrasekaran, chairman, Tata Motors

sales of more than 4,000 units since its launch in January 2020. While the company did not disclose the names of its upcoming EVs, it is expected that Tata will launch the electric variant of its popular hatchback Altaroz in the next few months.

Beside scaling up its EV portfolio, Chandrasekaran also said that the Tata Group is actively exploring partnerships in cell and battery manufacturing in India and Europe to secure battery supply.

Tata's aggressive expansion in the EV sector comes at a time when the Center and state governments are incentivising manufacturers who develop and sell EV. To note, Tata Motors Group had previously announced a complete shift from the gasoline engine for its British subsidiary Jaguar Land Rover. The luxury car brand is targeting 100 per cent zero carbon emissions from its portfolio by 2036. Meanwhile, other automakers, except for Mahindra & Mahindra, continue to have a conservative approach when it comes to EVs. Hyundai, for example, will launch EVs in the mass volume segment over the next three years while Maruti Suzuki has announced no EV plans as such.

20% of workforce to remain remote for 1-2 yrs

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

DESPITE increasing vaccination levels, the lifting of lockdowns, and the reopening of the markets, nearly 20 per cent of India's 500 million workforce is expected to work remotely for the next 12-24 months, a report by property consultants firm Savills India stated. The survey titled "Renewed Approach & Impact on Office Market" said that 75 per cent of the respondents (including employers and employees both) opined that more than 20 per cent of the workforce is expected to work from a non-office location in the near- to medium-term.

"Policy changes at organizational level are promoting people to work either completely from their homes or dedicated workspaces closer to their homes. In fact, leading luxury real estate developers have also started offering a seamless work environment for resi-

dents in clubhouses and community centres," according to the Savills' report.

In India, leading IT services firms including Tata Consultancy Services, Wipro, Infosys, HCL Tech, and tech start-ups have already announced plans towards a swifter adoption of the hybrid work model where employees will not be expected to attend offices through all the working days.

Impact on co-working sector

Work from anywhere policies adopted by employers may catalyse growth in co-working spaces, whose share in office leasing activity dropped to below 10 per cent in 2020 compared to 14 per cent in 2019, the report said. It added that new hybrid work policies may further push adoption of flexible workspaces this year driven by three critical factors: flexibility and cost-effectiveness, accelerated technology adoption, and wellness. "50 per cent of the occupiers gave high priority to scalability, flexibility and employee wellbeing.

These indicate a strong sense of confidence in shared workspaces even in today's challenging environment," the survey said. Co-working giant WeWork, for instance, released a statement last month that it has started seeing an increase in occupancy rate to 53 per cent in May, 2021 compared to 50 per cent in March 2021.

"As vaccine distribution expands, global restrictions ease, and companies begin to act on their hybrid return-to-work strategies, WeWork continues to see an improvement in leading indicators such as desk sales, churn rates and occupancy across its portfolio," it said.

Manas Mehrotra, Founder of 315Work Avenue, a co-working firm, told this publication that during the pandemic, the company signed up more than 4,000 seats. "We are now looking at adding another 5,00,000 sqft by the end of this year and expanding to other cities such as Pune, Hyderabad & Mumbai," he said.

"As the office market recovers from the second wave, we expect enterprise demand to grow steadily with companies preferring capex-light business solutions and moving away from traditional office spaces," he added.

Dodla Dairy, KIMS make strong market debut

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@New Delhi

COMPANIES coming out with initial public offerings (IPOs) are making hay as the equity markets continue to shine. Following the gains made by Sona Comstar and Shyam Metalics and Energy Limited, that got listed last week, Dodla Dairy and Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS) made a strong debut on Monday.

Dodla Dairy shares were listed at ₹528 a piece, a 23 per cent premium to the issue price. The stock then gained another 15 per cent and closed the session at ₹609 on the BSE, a 42 per cent premium to its issue price. KIMS, on the other hand, got listed at ₹1,009, a 22 per cent gain over its issue price. After the initial gain, the stock witnessed a small correction and ended the session at ₹996, up 21 per cent. Analysts, however, raised concerns about Dodla's steep valuation and advised investors to book profits. "The stock is up 41 per cent from the higher end of the price band. At current market price of ₹605, the stock is trading at 23.2x PE (9MFY21 annualised profit) which leaves little room for upside. Hence, we recommend to book profits," said Amarjeet Maurya, AVP-Mid Caps, Angel Broking.

Siji Philip, senior research analyst at Axis Securities said that short-term investors, who had applied for an IPO for listing gains, can book profits if the listing debut was strong.

"Some of the listings such as Sona Comstar made a tepid listing debut due to expensive pricing. However, these can be accumulated if the valuations move into an attractive space," Philip added.

Toor continues good form with 21.10m throw at inter-state meet

Olympic-bound shot putter Tajinder Pal Singh Toor continued his impressive form as he produced yet another big throw of 21.10m while winning gold on the fourth and penultimate day of the National Inter-State Athletics Championships in Patiala on Monday. Toor had booked his ticket to the Olympics at the Indian Grand Prix-4 last week.

OG TO OMG

After conceding own goal and blowing 2-goal lead, Spain win 5-3 in extra time

AGENCIES @ Copenhagen

SPAIN sealed their entry in the quarterfinals of the European Championships with a thrilling 5-3 win in extra time over Croatia at the Parken Stadium in Copenhagen on Monday. The momentum swung to-and-fro through the 120 minutes with plenty of edge-of-the-seat action but the Spaniards had a little more quality in the end to finish on the winning side.

Spain will now face the winner of the France vs Switzerland clash in the quarterfinals.

It was Croatia who took the lead in the 20th minute after an own goal by midfielder Pedri, but Spain roared back with three goals from Pablo Sarabia, Cesar Azpilicueta and Ferran Torres. When it seemed like Spain were safely through, Croatia struck twice to take the match to extra time. But the much-maligned Alvaro Morata slammed home to put Spain back in front in the 100th minute, before Mikel Oyarzabal made it the highest-scoring European Championship match since the first game of the inaugural edition in 1960.

Thorgan goal helps Belgium oust Portugal

SEVILLE: Belgium stopped Cristiano Ronaldo on one end, and had just enough attacking power on the other. The top-ranked Belgians held Ronaldo scoreless Sunday and held onto a first-half lead to beat defending champions Portugal 1-0 and advance to the quarterfinals of the European Championship. Ronaldo, who threw his captain's armband to the ground in despair after the final whistle, is still one goal shy of becoming the all-time men's top scorer in international soccer.

CLASH OF TITANS

Wembley. England. Germany. It's fair to say that the football fraternity has been waiting for this match up since the draw last week. Who will triumph? Here's a look at the last two of the prequarterfinals.

ENGLAND VS GERMANY (LONDON) | 9.30 PM

The Three Lions topped their group only to draw the mighty Germans who emerged out of the Group of Death in second spot. In what will be the tie of the round, England manager Gareth Southgate will be hoping to exorcise the ghosts of Euro 96 while the outgoing Joachim Low will be out to make England's 300th Wembley outing a truly miserable one. It has now been over 450 minutes of football since Southgate's side last conceded a goal and they head into their clash with Germany on a nine-game unbeaten run across all competitions but the attackers have floundered time and again which is a major area of concern. While Die Mannschaft may not be the same force they were back in Rio de Janeiro seven years ago, they always turn up on the big occasions as can be evidenced from the fact that they have managed to advance to the semifinal stage of the competition three times in succession since Low took the reins in 2006.

Key men: Harry Kane (England). Kai Havertz (Germany)

SWEDEN VS UKRAINE (GLASGOW) | 12.30 AM

Citing second wave, BCCI moves T20 WC to UAE and Oman

VENKATA KRISHNA B @ Chennai

CITING the second Covid-19 wave which affected India badly, the BCCI has shifted the T20 World Cup scheduled to take place at home in October-November to the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Although the BCCI communicated the decision officially to the International Cricket Council on Monday, it was always on the cards, especially after the board decided to resume the suspended IPL 2021 in the Gulf.

While the tournament has been moved to the UAE, the BCCI will technically remain as host. Apart from the three Emirates — Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Sharjah — Oman will also play host to the event. The 16-team event will begin on October 17 and run till November 14 with Muscat and Sharjah likely to host the first round of matches involving Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Ireland, Papa New Guinea, Namibia, Scotland, the Netherlands.

Oman, who also managed to qualify for the event for the second-time running, will possibly get to play their first round matches at home. The top two teams in each group will make it to the Super 12 stage that is likely to begin from October 24 in the three Emirates. India, England, Australia, Pakistan, New Zealand, South Africa, West Indies and Afghanistan have direct entries to Super 12 stage.

"After much deliberation, it has been decided that safety of the players and other stakeholders is of paramount importance and keeping that in mind, it is best that we shift the ICC T20 World Cup to the UAE," BCCI secretary Jay Shah wrote in a mail to state units.

Ever since the BCCI was unable to complete the IPL in India and had to suspend it midway after players and support staff from three teams tested Covid-19 positive midway through the tournament, the T20 World Cup has been drifting to the UAE. With the second wave still continuing and possible third wave predicted, the BCCI was aware teams may not be willing to play the event in India, even if it chooses to reduce the venues to Mumbai, Pune and Ahmedabad. "It was not an easy decision and we mulled over it for months, keeping an eye on Covid-19 all along. However, with the second wave causing such devastation, the decision ultimately boiled down to the safety and well-being of the players and organisers," Shah wrote.

Interestingly, Oman was not mentioned as host in Shah's letter, but a subsequent mail sent by BCCI president Sourav Ganguly had the country as a host. Muscat has been added as a venue to ensure the pitches in Abu Dhabi and Dubai get some rest time before the Super 12 stage.

This is the second time in three years that the BCCI has chosen the gulf region to be its home after hosting the Asia Cup in 2018 in the UAE to avoid visa complications for Pakistan.

Ecuador in last 8 after Brazil draw

AFP @ Goiania

AN Ecuador side fighting to keep their Copa America hopes alive managed to hold a previously perfect Brazil — playing without a resting Neymar — to a 1-1 draw Sunday and reach the quarterfinals. Peru meanwhile defeated Venezuela 1-0 in the other Group B match to send the Covid-decimated "Vinotinto" team packing from the South American championships. Seeking to extend a 10-match winning streak, Brazil came out pressuring in Goiania on the group's final match day. Coach Tite opted to rest Neymar, but the "Selecao" still dominated the first half.

A free kick in the 37th minute set up Eder Militao, who headed the ball at a sharp angle into the top right corner of the net, well clear of Ecuador keeper Hernan Galindez's outstretched arm. But facing the spectre of an early exit, Ecuador came out fighting in the second half. They got the equaliser in the 53rd minute, as Brazil tried to clear a corner kick.

Results: Brazil 1-1 Ecuador; Venezuela 0-1 Peru.

Scratchy start for Nole, Tsitsipas exits

AFP @ London

NOVAK Djokovic overcame an early scare before getting his bid for a sixth Wimbledon and record-equalling 20th Grand Slam title off to a winning start on Monday while rain brought havoc to the schedule, one year after the tournament was cancelled due to the pandemic.

Defending champion and world No 1 Djokovic, looking to become just the third man in history to complete a calendar Grand Slam, claimed a 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 win over Britain's 253rd-ranked Jack Draper.

Third seed Stefanos Tsitsipas became the first big name to exit Wimbledon on the first day of play, losing 6-4, 6-4, 6-3 to Frances Tiafoe of the United States.

It was quite a contrast in fortunes for the Greek who only a fortnight ago lost in five sets to Novak Djokovic in the French Open final. Tsitsipas has now lost in the first round at Wimbledon on three occasions.

The 34-year-old Serb, meanwhile, struggled on the slippery Centre Court surface with the roof closed above it due to the rain. Left-handed Draper, playing just his fifth match on the main tour, saved seven of seven break points in the opener to stun the top seed. But Djokovic soon snuffed out any danger of him becoming only the third defending champion to lose in the first round.

World No 1 Novak Djokovic after defeating Jack Draper on Monday | AFP

SELECT RESULTS: **Men:** Frances Tiafoe (USA) bt Stefanos Tsitsipas (GRE x4) 6-4, 6-4, 6-3, Novak Djokovic (SRB X1) bt Jack Draper (GBR) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; **Women:** Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x2) bt Monica Niculescu (ROU) 6-1, 6-4, Garbine Muguruza (ESP x11) bt Fiona Ferro (FRA) 6-0, 6-1

EXPRESS READ

Bengaluru FC and Juanan part ways

BENGALURU: Spanish defender Juanan Gonzalez and Bengaluru FC mutually agreed to part ways, the Blues announced on Monday. He joined the club in 2016 and ever since played an important role at the back. The 34-year-old even represented the club in 113 games.

Karnataka's Priya wins gold in 400m

BENGALURU: Karnataka's Priya H Mohan clinched gold in the women's 400m, clocking 53.29s in the National Inter-State Athletics Championships in Patiala on Monday. Experienced campaigner Poovamma, who is also from Karnataka, finished second with a timing of 53.54.

SFI announces ₹5 lakh cash reward for Sajan

NEW DELHI: Swimming Federation of India on Monday announced a cash reward of `5 lakh for Sajan Prakash who scripted history by becoming the first swimmer from the country to earn a direct qualification for the Olympics. Prakash qualified on Saturday by breaching the 'A' standard time.

12-yr-old sailor in India team

FIROZ MIRZA @ Chennai

HAILING from the fishing community, he always has a liking for water. But little did Eklavya Batham know that he will be representing India within four years of taking up sailing. At 12 years and nine months, the Bhopal sailor may also be one of the youngest from the country in recent times to compete in an international event.

He along with four sailors was selected for the Optimist World Championship scheduled in Riva del Garda, Italy, on the basis of their national rankings.

They flew for Italy on Sunday night. They reached Paris on Monday evening and were scheduled to board a flight for Italy at the time of going to press.

"We belong to the fishing community so that liking for water was always there. In 2017, Eklayva got enrolled in a summer camp organised by the Directorate of Sports, Madhya Pradesh. He was eventually selected for a day-boarding training at the National Sailing School (NSS)," Sanjay Batham, Eklavya's father, told this daily.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, KOPPAL
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DRINKING WATER & SANITATION DIVISION, KOPPAL
NO.RWS/Dn//KPL//NRDWP/2021-22/533 Date:24.06.2021

E-PROCURMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION (First Call, Second Call & Third Call) Two Cover System

On Behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply & sanitation Division, Koppal Invites e-Tender for Jal Jeevan Mission & DMF/ The eligible bidders are requested to submit the Bid in Two Cover System through e-procurement mode through portol http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

General Information: 1) Contractor should Submit the Tender Bid Documents Through Online Only. 2) All Documents Should be Scanned and Upload during the period of Applying Tender through Online Only. 3) EMD Amount Should be Submitted Through Online Only. 4) Two Cover Tender Called.

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and Tenders will be Download from 26.06.2021

Tender Processing Fee : As Per E-Procurement. Tender Period: **6 Months.** If Any Quarries / Downloading Date : **30.06.2021 Time: 11:00.** Tender Accepting Last Date and Time : **02.07.2021 Time 16:00.** Tehnical Bid Openng Date and Time : **03.07.2021 Date:17:00**

If any More Information Contractor should Contact this office or wide email id:eerwsskpl@gmail.com in Office Hours and also through Website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- (S.M.Subhan Saheb), Executive Engineer
R.D.W & S .Division, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/134/MCA/2021-22

Name of Work: Stabilisation of Kuttiyadi Dam by providing supporting concrete structure on the Downstream Face & Allied structures (Civil works) under DRIP-II. **Tender ID:** 2021_PCKNR_426252_1. **RFB No.:** DRIP/KYIP/SE/KNR/9/2021/22/NS. **Date of Publishing:** 15/06/2021. **Bid submission end date**: 15/07/2021. **EMD:** 30,70,000/-. **Tender Class:** A-Class.

RO/00932/D3/2021/I&PRD Sd/-, Superintending Engineer

KARNATAKA VIDYUTH KARKHANE LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
P. B. No. 2610, Mysore Road, Bengaluru- 560 026
Ph: 26749045, 26987200, 26748274

KAVIKA/DGM/2021-22 Date: 26.06.2021

Tender Notification

Tenders through e-Procurement portal mode are invited for the supply of following:

1. Supply of CRGO based 25 KVA Core Assembly for 4 Star Category Transformers.

The detailed notification/specification can be obtained by logging on to e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** after **28.06.2021** as well as the process of participation/EMD/Tender fees etc.

Sd/- Deputy General Manager

AN ISO 9001:2008 Company - Manufacturers of Star-rated Transformers

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LTD.
(A Government of India Undertaking)

OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE

Name of Work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz, Single phase, Traction Overhead Equipment for SILO siding of MRPL at Thokur in the state of Karnataka. **Notice No: KR/CO/EL/RE-MRPL/T/6/2021, Date: 29/06/2021. Completion Period:** Four Months. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 63,30,455/- excluding GST. **EMD :** NIL. **Last Date & Time for Online Submission of Tender :** 20/07/2021 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender :** On 20/07/2021 at 15.30 Hrs. Amendments / Corrigendum if any, would be uploaded on IREPS website **www.ireps.gov.in** only. **Submission of Tender Documents :** Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

Karnataka State
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Shimoga Division, Shimoga

No.EE/PWD/Smg/AE-3/IFT-5/2021-22 Dtd:23-06-2021

Short Term Tender Notification

Tender invited thro' E-Procurement (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) for the below Indents by PWD Class-3 & Class 4 above Contractors. For needful information please contact Office P. No. 08182-274942 and Helpdesk Ph Nos. 080-25501216/ 080-25501227)

Reserved for SC Contractors

3054-SH Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 1 works **2.** Sagara Tq. 2 works **3.** Shikaripura Tq. 1 work. **4.** Soraba Tq. 2 works,

3054-MDR Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 2 works **2.** Sagara Tq. 5 works **3.** Shikaripura Tq 1 work. **4.** Soraba Tq. 5 works,

3054-MDR Culvert Maintenance: 1. Sagara Tq. 2 works

Reserved for ST Contractors

3054-SH Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 1work. **2.** Shikaripura Tq 1 work. **3.** Soraba Tq. 1 work

3054-MDR Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq.2 work. **2.** Sagara Tq. 1 works. **3.** Shikaripura Tq. 1 work.

3054-SH Culvert Maintenance : 1. Shikaripura Tq. 2 works.

All Contractors can participate

3054-SH Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 4 works. **2.** Sagara Tq.8 works **3.** Shikaripura Tq. 3 works **4.** Soraba Tq. 5 works

3054-MDR Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 22 works **2.** Sagara Tq. 32 works **3.** Shikaripura Tq. 4. works Tq. **4.** Soraba Tq. 11 works

3054-SH Culvert Maintenance: 1. Hosanagara Tq. 1work. **2.** Sagara Tq. 3 works **3.** Shikaripura Tq. 1 work

3054-MDR Culvert Maintenance. 1. Hosanagara Tq. 2 works. **2.** Sagara Tq.2 works

Tender documents down loading & submission dates ; Hosanagara & Shikaripura Taluk: 30-07-2021 to 07-07-2021, Sagara Taluk works :01-07-2021 to 08-07-2021 & Soraba Taluk: 02-07-2021 to 09-07-2021.

Period for completion of all works : up to 31-03-2022 (Including Monsoon)

Sd/- EE, PWDept, Shimoga Division, Shimoga

DIPR/smg/No.77/06/mca/21-22

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER & BASIN MANAGER, TEL BASIN, BHAWANIPATNA, DIST. KALAHANDI.
Tel No.06670230209, E-mail - cetelbasinbhp@gmail.com

Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice-CE&BM,TEL-03/2021-22

Bid Identification No. CETEL-KID-03/2021-22

A-236: Online tenders are invited for EPC Contract for Construction of Instream Storage Structure (Barrage) near village Nandagaon across river Udanti in the district of Nuapada under Kalahandi Irrigation Division, Bhawanipatna including Hydromechanical works, Power Connectivity works, Road connectivity, Staff Quarters including Designs and Estimate of all component with Operation and Maintenance of the Project for a period of five years or five flood seasons which ever is more after successful commissioning of the Project of state of Odisha from perspective bidders.

1.	Name of Work	Construction of instream Storage Structure (Barrage) near village Nandagaon across river Udanti in the district of Nuapada under Kalahandi Irrigation Division, Bhawanipatna including Hydromechanical works, Power Connectivity works, Road connectivity, Staff Quarters including Designs and Estimate of all component with Operation and Maintenance of the Project for a period of five years or five flood seasons which ever is more after successful commissioning of the Project of state of Odisha
2.	Period of completion	30 (Thirty) calendar months including rainy season.
3.	Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	**Date 01.07.2021 from 10.00 AM to Date 16.08.2021 up to 5.00 P.M.**
4.	Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	Date. 16.08.2021 up to 5 P.M.
5.	Name & address of the officer inviting Bid	**Chief Engineer & Basin Manager, Tel Basin. Bhawanipatna,** Dist.-kalahandi -766001, Odisha, Telephone-06070-230209, Email-cetelbasinbhp@gmail.com

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**

Sd/- CE & BM
Tel Basin, Bhawanipatna OIPR-32317/11/0004/2122

High Court of Karnataka
High Court Buildings, Bengaluru-560001

No.: HCC No.: 39/2021 Date: 25.06.2021

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-procurement portal for **Annual Maintenance Contract for maintenance of Hardware installed in the High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru, Benches at Dharwad & Kalaburagi and in the District Judiciary in the State.** Those interested can upload the Tender **within 4.00 PM on 24.07.2021.** Further details can be availed through website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
(N.G. Dinesh)
Registrar (Computers) and
Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/DDU/04/MCA/2021-22

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Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Rural Road Development Agency
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Ballari.
Telephone No: 08392-297145, e-mail ID: kn-bll-1@pmgsy.nic.in

ಸಂ:ಕಾಸಅ/ಯೋ.ವಿ/ಬ/ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ/NGNRY/Change of Work/2021-22/121 ದಿ:25.06.2021

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Ballari on behalf of the Governor of Karnakata invites Item rate tenders as per Standard Bidding Document in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement for the Improvements of roads in Vijayanagara Assembly Constituency of Vijayanagara District under Namma Grama Namma Raste Yojane. The State Government will provide the grants for the implementation of this project.

The details of the works are as follows: **Name of the Work / Work Indent No:** Work Indent No: 5139 (Change of Work). **Tender Period:** 11 months (Including monsoon). **Amount put to tender (Rs. In lakhs):** 224.46

The **details of the Tender Process are as follows:** 01. Earnest Money Deposit Amount: **As mentioned in the e-Procurement portal.** 02. Bid documents can be accessed through e-Procurement portal on: **29-06-2021.** 03. Pre-bid meeting will be held on: **05-07-2021 at 11.00 AM.** 04. Last Date for Bid submission Online (Two Cover): **13-07-2021 at 4.30 PM.** 05. Opening Date of Technical Bid: **14-07-2021 at 5.00 PM.** 06. Opening Date of Financial Bid: **After approving the Technical Bid**

For any further information, the Executive Engineer, Project Division, Ballari may be contacted. Details can be had from the website: https//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.

NOTE: Any Corrigendum/Addendum for the above tender shall be issued through e-Procurement only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Ballari.
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Government of India
Department of Atomic Energy
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

The superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysuru, invites for & on behalf of the President of India, sealed item rate tenders from experienced contractorsfrom Karnataka region only with sound financial & technical capacity for the following works.

1	Tender Reference No.	**BARC/MYS/FS/Refilling of fire extinguishers/ 2021/ 01**
2	Name of work	Refilling of fire extinguishers at BARC site, Mysuru
3	Estimated Cost	**Rs. 4.25 lakh** (Rupees Four lakh Twenty five thousand only)
4	Earnest Money Deposit	Nil. Bid Security Declaration to be submitted.
5	Period of completion	**12 Months**
6	Security Deposit	**2.5% of tender value**
7	Performance Guarantee	**3.0% of tender value**
8	Processing fee	**Rs. 500/-** (Rupees Five hundred only) Non refundable
9	Tender sale period	**From 01/07/2021 To 09/07/2021**
10	Due date & time for submission of tender	**12/07/2021 up to 15.00 Hrs.**
11	Date & time of opening of technical bid	**12/07/2021 up to 15.30 Hrs.**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from web site **www.barc.gov.in**

Note : Noncompliance of Bid Security Declaration would amount to suspension from bidding for this tender and also future tenders for a period of 3 years as decided by the Superintending engineer. Sd/-

(Superintending Engineer)
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
For & on behalf of the President of India

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US air safety regulators have notified Boeing that the aviation giant's newest widebody plane will require more than two years of additional testing and analysis before it can be certified.

The British government is intent on lifting all of England's coronavirus restrictions on July 19, Sajid Javid said Monday in his maiden speech to parliament as health secretary.

1/3rd Kumaun susceptible to damage in case of earthquakes

GEOLOGY

NEW DELHI: More than a third of the Kumaun region of the Himalayas is susceptible to moderate damage in case of earthquakes of magnitudes ranging from 7 to 8.6, says a new study by scientists at the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology.

Kumaun Himalayas is in the west-central section of the mountain range and lies mostly in Uttarakhand.

Several studies suggest that this region is prone to earthquakes of magnitude 8 or higher. In this context, mapping of the co-seismic landslide -- which is caused by earthquakes – has become important.

Co-seismic landslides are one of the prime hazardous phenomena in the hilly and seismically-active mountainous region. Often, destruction due to earthquake-induced landslides is much greater than that caused directly by shaking of the ground.

A team of scientists, including Sandeep Kumar, Vikram Gupta, Parveen Kumar and YP Sundriyal, from the Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology in Dehardun, carried out a probabilistic assessment of co-seismic landslides for the Goriganga Valley in the Kumaun Himalaya.

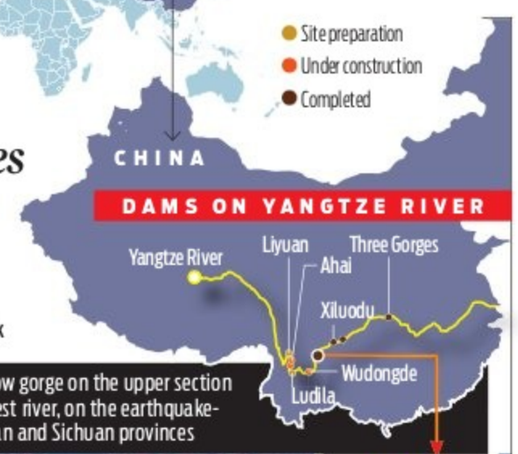
The Valley lies in the highest seismically active area in the seismic zoning map of India.

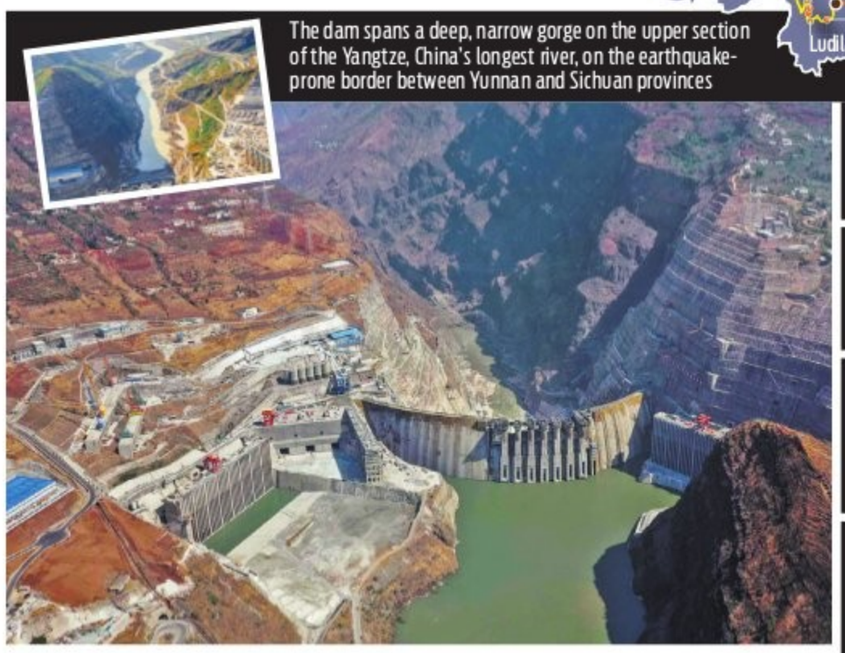
"It was found that more than one-third of the area was vulnerable to co-seismic landslides and that earthquakes of 7, 8 and 8.6 magnitudes might moderately damage an area of 1,459 square km, 1,256 square km, and 1,134 square km in the study region respectively."

EXFILE • ENVIRONMENT

World's second-largest hydropower dam goes online in China despite scientists' warnings

China began operating the world's second-largest hydropower station, named Baihetan, on Monday in what officials hailed as a milestone towards Beijing's carbon neutrality goals, despite warnings of environmental damage. Another mega-dam planned in Tibet could harm India's interests. We take a look





The dam spans a deep, narrow gorge on the upper section of the Yangtze, China's longest river, on the earthquake-prone border between Yunnan and Sichuan provinces

The Baihetan hydropower station in Zhaotong in China's southwestern Yunnan province | AFP

DAM-BUILDING SPREE

The country has been on a hydropower building spree in recent years as it races to meet the ever-growing energy needs of the world's largest population

Hydropower is losing support in other countries due to complaints that dams flood communities and farmland and disrupt the ecology of rivers, threatening fish and other species

POLITICAL TIMING

The Baihetan dam's trial run on Monday coincides with celebrations of the Communist Party's centenary this week

Chinese President Xi Jinping's pledge last year to reach carbon neutrality by 2060 has added urgency to the construction

CHINA'S HYDROPOWER EDGE

China is a leader in developing ultra-high-voltage, or UHV, transmission technology to move power from dams in the southwest to Shanghai and other eastern cities

Once fully operational, the Baihetan Hydropower Station should eliminate the need to burn 20 million tons of coal annually, the official *Xinhua News Agency* said, citing Three Gorges Group Corp.

WHAT RESEARCH SAYS

Dam construction on the river has changed the composition of sediment in the water, causing "large-scale hydrophysical and human health risk affecting the Yangtze River Basins downstream," scientists wrote in a paper published in Elsevier's *Science of the Total Environment* journal this month

Environmental groups have warned for years that dam-building disrupts the habitats of rare plants and animals, including the critically endangered Yangtze Finless Porpoise

DISPLACEMENT

China's massive engineering projects have also displaced hundreds of thousands of local communities and prompted concern in neighbouring countries

WHO HAS BUILT THIS?

Both the Baihetan and Three Gorges dams were built by the state-owned Three Gorges Group Corp., the world's biggest investor in hydro, solar and wind generation

NAME BAIHETAN HYDROPOWER STATION

HEIGHT 948 FEET

CAPACITY 16,000 MEGAWATTS

2ND in size after the Three Gorges Dam, which opened in 2003 on the Yangtze, and has a generating capacity of 22.5 megawatts

5 LAKH The dam will eventually be able to generate enough electricity each day once to meet the power needs of 5,00,000 people for an entire year

PROBLEM FOR INDIA

China's planned mega-dam in Tibet's Medog County, which is set to surpass the Three Gorges Dam in size, has been described by analysts as a threat to Tibetan cultural heritage and a way for Beijing to effectively control a substantial portion of India's water supply. In addition, the impact of dams on China's portion of the Mekong has also raised fears that irreversible damage is being inflicted upon a waterway which feeds 60 million people downstream as it winds through to the Vietnamese Delta

Delaying 2nd dose of Astra by 45 wks boosts immunity?

Pre-print study by Oxford researchers offers hope for more Covishield schedule flexibility

RESEARCH

LONDON: Delayed second and third doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine boost immunity against Covid-19, a study by Oxford University, which developed the jab with the British-Swedish firm, said on Monday.

An interval of up to 45 weeks between the first and second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, distributed as Covishield in India, led to an enhanced immune response, rather than compromising immunity, the study said.

Giving a third dose of the jab more than six months after the second dose also leads to a "substantial increase" in antibodies and induces a "strong boost" to subjects' immune response, said the pre-print study, meaning that it has yet to be peer-reviewed.

"This should come as reassuring news to countries with lower supplies of the vaccine, who may be concerned about delays in providing second doses to their populations," said lead investigator of the Oxford trial Andrew Pollard. "There is an excellent response to a second dose, even after a 10-month delay from the first."

The researchers said the results for a delayed AstraZeneca third dose were positive, particularly as nations with advanced vaccination programmes consider whether third booster shots will be required to prolong immunity.

"It is not known if booster jabs will be needed due to waning immunity or to augment immunity against variants of concern," said the study's lead senior author, Teresa Lambe.

She explained the research showed the AstraZeneca jab "is well tolerated and significantly boosts the antibody response."

Lambe added results were encouraging "if we find that a third dose is needed".

The development of the jab, which is being administered in 160 countries, has been hailed as a milestone in efforts against the pandemic because of its relatively low cost and ease of transportation.

The Oxford study indicated that side effects from the vaccine in general were "well tolerated" with "lower incidents of side effects after second and third doses than after first doses".

A separate Oxford-led study released on Monday found that alternating doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine with that developed by Pfizer/BioNTech also boosted immune response.

It found subjects responded differently depending on the order in which the shots were given, but vaccination schedules involving both the AstraZeneca and Pfizer/BioNTech jabs could potentially be used to give more flexibility in tacking the virus.

Matthew Snape, the chief investigator for the trial, said when the mixed vaccines were given at a four-week interval they induced "an immune response that is above the threshold set by the standard schedule of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine".

BIRDS OF PREY

A kite takes flight close to a grey heron in Pozhikara in Thiruvananthapuram | PTI

Nothing can live in Venus' 0.4% relative humidity, says study

ASTRONOMY

PARIS: A study measuring water concentration in Venus's atmosphere concluded on Monday that life as we know it is not possible among the sulphuric acid droplets that make up the planet's famously cloudy skies.

The search for life on our nearest neighbour has so far proved fruitless, although a 2020 paper rekindled hopes for Venus when it claimed to have detected phosphine gas – known to be produced by bacteria on Earth – in the planet's clouds. The authors have since called their own findings into question.

But the claim inspired scientists led by Queen's University Belfast to test the theory from a different angle: whether there is enough water in Venus's atmosphere to make life possible.

In 2017, microbiologist John Hallsworth discovered a terrestrial fungus that can survive at 58.5% relative humidity -- the driest conditions at which biological activity has ever been measured.

"We bent over backwards to argue that the most extreme, tolerant microbes on Earth could potentially have activity on Venus," said Hallsworth at a press conference.

But he said nothing could cope with the miniscule amount of water in the planet's atmosphere, which is equivalent to a relative humidity of 0.4%. "It's more than 100 times too low. It's almost at the bottom of the scale, at an unbridgeable distance from what life requires to be active." Scientists used existing measurements from seven US and Soviet probes and one orbiter mission sent to Venus in the 1970s and 1980s. Chris McKay, a NASA planetary scientist and co-author of the research published in Nature Astronomy, noted that the conclusions of the study were based on the limited direct observations available, and therefore incomplete. "It's hard to imagine that the results will change as we do further exploration," McKay told reporters.

US Covid-19 cases hit new plateau amid rise of Delta

DATA

WASHINGTON: After declining fast for two months, the rate of Covid infections in the United States has leveled off since mid-June thanks to localized spikes in under-vaccinated regions of the country, data showed on Monday.

It comes as the highly contagious Delta variant continues to gain traction, now accounting for 35.6% of sequenced cases in the past two weeks, according to the covSpectrum tracker. Authorities have said it is poised to soon become the country's dominant strain.

The seven-day-average of new daily cases has hovered at around 11,500 since June 16, or about 3.5 per 100,000 people.

A clear divide has emerged across the country, with cases rising rapidly in communities that have low rates of vaccination. Nationally, 54% of the United States' 332 million people have received one or more doses while 46.1% have had two doses.

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DAY'S DIARY

First iPhone

The much awaited first-generation Apple iPhone went on sale in the United States on June 29, 2007. The launch of the phone was announced in January that year

FIRST-DAY SCENES

Apple fans camped outside retail stores to get their hands on a device that could change the face of technology. As shutters opened, purchase per person was two phones

SPECIFICATIONS

The phones, which retail for $499 for 4 gigabytes of storage or $599 for 8 gigabytes of storage, are being sold at Apple and AT&T Wireless stores

THE NAME

Apple did not have the rights to the name 'iPhone.' That name was legally with Cisco which had obtained it when it acquired a company called Infogear in 2000

'Kotigobba 3 should release before Vikrant Rona'

PG 4

STANDING FOR CHANGE

Meet the two young Bengalureans, Sia Godika and Lakshya Subodh, who received The Diana Award on Monday, for being the change they want to see

SANATH PRASAD

ONE size may not fit all. However, difficult times demand timely actions that go beyond size and fitting. Holds true for this young 'sole warrior' Sia Godika, who is helping the needy across Bengaluru with refurbished footwear. Her mission of 'donating a sole to save a soul' is one of the reasons she has been awarded The Diana Award, which recognises her social action and humanitarian efforts.

She embarked on this journey after observing the underprivileged section of society walking barefoot. "According to WHO, over 1 billion people worldwide suffer from foot diseases due to lack of footwear. In India, 88 million people cannot afford footwear, which leads to health problems. This was the genesis of this idea," says 14-year-old Godika.

Godika has collected over 15,000 pairs of footwear since November 2019 when she first started the initiative. As the famous line goes, charity begins at home, and this is how Godika's story began. "My parents and I were the first ones to donate our unused footwear. Then I approached apartment complexes and gated communities, requesting them to do the same. As the drive caught public attention, I collaborated with social organisations like Ploggers' Army, Robin Hood Army and the Rotary Club. We have now got nearly 50 volunteers in the team," says Godika.

She has also collaborated with a cobbler services company to refurbish the footwear. Furthermore, she has her own warehouse in Koramangala where she segregates the footwear into different boxes.

"We get slippers, sandals, football shoes, men's wear and women's wear which are later segregated into different boxes. We have slum dwellers who actually do this work. This way we are also creating employment opportunities for them," says Godika, who is now planning to extend the collection drives to Mumbai, Chennai and Delhi. Making the initiative global, she also aims to expand to Africa soon.

In India, 88 million people cannot afford footwear which leads to health problems. This was the genesis of this idea

Sia Godika, 14, student

We helped rural youngsters get workplace experience through micro internship opportunities and conducted industry trips in the field of marketing, consulting and design

Lakshya Subodh, 17, student

BRIDGING A DIVIDE

TEDx speaker, footballer, vlogger and documentary film maker...that's 17-year-old Lakshya Subodh, who has a finger in every pie. Managing multiple interests and academics can be quite a challenge, but this Bengaluru student is doing a fine balancing act. The 17-year-old is also one of the recipients of The Diana Award for his work with youngsters and women from rural parts of India.

The Diana Award was established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, and the award is given out by the charity of the same name. It is supported by Diana's two sons, The Duke of Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex.

Subodh has been recognised for his two projects, Igniting Dreams and Rural Covid Warriors, which have helped the rural parts of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

"Igniting Dreams is a project that was started in 2017 through which my team and I helped 300 rural youngsters in connecting them to industries. We helped them get workplace experience through micro internship opportunities and conducted industry trips in the field of marketing, consulting and design," says Subodh, a Class 12 student of Delhi Public School, East.

Meanwhile, he also initiated the project Rural Covid Warriors through which he combined animation and graphics to create awareness on Covid-appropriate behaviour. "Women, who are the backbone and influencers of a family, are our target. So far, 250 families, including 5,000 women, have benefited. This includes Solepura region in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka border, Lakkavaram region in Andhra Pradesh and Pauri Garhwal region in Uttarakhand," says Subodh, who feels that "too many goals" are making him unsure of what to pursue further. "I have been involved in a lot of activities since childhood. There are a lot of goals and passions that I want to continue as I grow. For now I am quite unsure about what next," he says.

CITY READ

Fresh food brand plans 500+ hires to ramp up operations

iD Fresh Food, a fresh food brand, is all set to strengthen its workforce with 500+ new recruits across verticals for its India and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) operations in 2021. To ensure women, who have been most impacted by the pandemic, regain their economic independence, the company is also set to launch an exclusive iD Women Network. Musthafa PC, CEO and co-founder, iD Fresh Food, said, "As a company, we found it only natural to grow our talent pool and create opportunities for everyone despite some scepticism in the market around mass hiring. We hope that our decision has a domino effect in the industry."

Heart-to-heart conversation

Neerja Birla, founder and chairperson, Mpower along with spiritual leader Daaji, conversed on the topic 'The heart of mental well-being'. Birla and Daaji shared their thoughts on mental health and discussed ways in which people can alleviate their mental state. The discussion was aimed as a deep dive into the world of yoga and meditation. Speaking about her own journey into mental well-being, Birla said, "Mental health is stigmatised in our society. It leads to a loss of expression as one cannot talk freely about their mental health concerns. Meditation and helping others heal through my work have in turn helped me as well. It also allowed me to pursue my own spiritual journey of healing."

STARTUP WATCH

BACKSTORY

Janani is a Bengaluru-based health-tech startup founded by serial entrepreneur Nilay Mehrotra and andrologist Dr SS Vasan. Having started operations in 2020, the set-up gives medical expertise through technology on sexual wellness and reproductive health across ages and genders.

FINANCE FUNDA

The founders have raised `1.5 crore in the pre-seed round. Subsequently, they have also raised `8 crore in the seed funding round. Some of their investors include Venture Catalysts, Apollo Hospitals, Inflection Point Ventures, among others.

USP

It aims to offer a one-stop tech-based solution for sexual and reproductive wellness. According to the founders, the startup offers complete diagnosis and fertility testing through a website. It has also created proprietary nutraceuticals, called ferticeuticals, targeted to address multiple categories of problems in both women and men.

TARGET AUDIENCE

It includes couples or individuals trying to conceive, as well as those who want to understand sexual health and wellness matters.

Dr SS Vasan and Nilay Mehrotra

Life and love

Samyukta Hornad had some deep thoughts which she shared on social media. "Just one thing everybody wants. There in the bars. And through the smokescreen of the crowded restaurants It's love... (sic)"

Ride call

The traffic is back on the roads, however, cycling enthusiasts are not complaining. The reason? Exclusive tracks in some parts of the city making the ride a breeze. Actor Diganth Manchale took to social media to post his experience. "So happy to see a lane finally designated to cyclists in #nammabengaluru we need more of these!! (sic)," he said. Agree a 100 per cent!

Saravana Gowtham | PIC: SHAUNAK BORDOLOI

Saravana Gowtham's instrumental EP explores various emotions and feelings related to moments and memories gone by

SIMRAN AHUJA

THE past can have a huge impact on someone's life in the present. Ask Saravana Gowtham, whose new EP is all about reminiscing the past just before evolving and moving to a different phase of life. Produced under his solo project called Thaagam, *Look Back One Last Time* is a five-track guitar instrumental EP with five different emotions in each song. "I like to reflect on my past and see how much I've evolved as a person, as a musician. Thinking about the past is something very comforting for me, even though there are some regrets but still there are other emotions too," says Bengaluru-based Gowtham.

The tracks explore a range of feelings. *Across The Echo* is about the grass being greener on the other side; *Endless Moments* looks at the yearning for some moments to be longer; *Emotional Color* is about how anger kills; *May Be* explores how some things in life could have been different; and *For This Reason* brings in some positivity as it focuses on the ever-present ray of hope, even in situations that seem dismal.

While the guitar is the most striking sound one would hear in these tracks, the EP also features drums, strings and piano, which were all programmed by Gowtham, who besides being a freelance musician, is also the founder of WhiteFret School of Music.

The idea for this EP came to him during the middle of last year, when he was recording his second single *A Distant Wave*. "I always get a small idea for a song when I sit and noodle on the guitar for some time. But the real writing process starts once when I start developing. To write a track from scratch to finish it takes around 2 or 3 weeks, including breaks," he says, explaining his process. Writing instrumental music is no different from writing a song with vocals. "The idea is the same. Create something that people can experience. Challenges are the same as the challenges that come during producing a song with vocals, conveying the emotions. Sometimes things fall into place, sometimes it takes time," adds the 26-year-old.

Besides the solo project, Gowtham also plays the guitar for rock band The Sahej Project, and plays bass for melodic metal band Verses and death metal band Prime Rage. While he has previously come out with music under his name too, the idea of a solo instrumental project seemed appealing. "Making music under my name was nice, but since I play with different bands and make different kinds of music, I gave my project its own name to give it a unique recognition," he says of Thagaam, which means 'thirst' in his mother tongue, Tamil. But why only instrumental music? "For me making an instrumental piece is much easier. Since the time I started making music by myself, I really liked the fact that a song without vocals can also convey emotions like a song with vocals do," he says.

Be it for a brunch or a girls' night-out, make a statement this season with bright, loose and breathable fabrics. Designers tell us how

SHREYA VERONICA

Clockwise from L: Designs by Anushree Reddy and Dipti Mrinalini, designer Anushree Reddy

EVERY season gives us a reason to flaunt our style. And, the monsoon this year is no different. Though most of us are still working from home, Bengalureans are ready to step out and flaunt the latest styles. Be it for a brunch or a girls' outing, make a statement this season with bright, loose and breathable fabrics. It is as simple as pairing your linen trousers with a loose top or choosing a bright-coloured kurta and accentuating it with classy jewellery. Designers tell us more on how to go about making our wardrobes monsoon-friendly.

Dipti Mrinalini, a sustainable fashion designer, is all for including breathable, natural fabrics in one's wardrobe. "You may have worn light cotton or linen sleeveless outfits on bright, sunny days. Throw in some fun accessories like a scarf or a shrug; and you have a monsoon outfit," she says.

Earthy and darker shades paired with contrasting colours are the go-to for rainy days. Team up your dark ankle-length dress with a light-coloured jacket. "The slush stains won't show up on dark colours. In fact, darker shades trap heat and keep you warm," Mrinalini says. As these are cloudy days, add bold colours through accessories and makeup. Add a pop of red to your earrings, bracelets and anklets, she says.

Designer Anushree Reddy suggests that the best way to stay fashionable on a rainy day is by wearing light and flowing silhouettes which are extremely comfortable. "Dresses, loose kurtas and kaftans work best in monsoon. Crepes or chiffons, or anything that's quick-dry, are the best options. Loose outfits look simple and appealing," she says.

Pick something from a softer colour palette, with minimal prints or light florals. "This season kurtas and loose casual

dresses are trending. Make sure to keep the ensemble light and minimal. Avoid flashy jewellery because that will be difficult to manage. The rains may even damage the jewellery. Instead, go for something simpler -- like a pair of small earrings or a delicate pendant or bracelet," says Reddy.

Lastly, keep your outfit right up to your ankles. "Yes, full length dresses and skirts are a great pick, but don't make the mistake of using them, with a pair of heels, on a rainy day. Also, go for flats or wedges which are more comfortable," she says.

Syeda Heena, who owns couture label, Heenabh, loves bright colours for this season. "Lose outfits are always comfortable for any age group. These days we get monsoon-friendly outfits. While poppy colours are in this season, pair your A-line outfits with gumboots," she says.

MACHINE LEARNING CLASSES

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DETOX PROGRAMME

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TRIO BLAST

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MOVIE TIME

Watch a thriller suspense Dutch film *Tailgate* on BookMyShow. The story revolved around Hans, a control freak, but is actually a very vulnerable guy. Under the pressure of his mom to get home on time, he drives his family of four on the highway in a reckless way. His arrogance leads to an untoward incident with a stranger who is thirsty for revenge. **When:** July 2

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FOOTWEAR COLLECTION

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QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

MANGO CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- **Atta+Maida:** 2 cups (atta 3/4 cup+ rest maida)
- **Baking soda:** 1 tsp
- **Mango pulp:** 1.5 cups
- **Sugar:** 3/4th cup
- **Milk:** 4 tbsp
- **Refined oil:** 90ml
- **White vinegar:** 1 tablespoon

METHOD

- In a bowl, mix dry ingredients.
- In a mixing bowl, whisk the wet ingredients.
- Add the dry ingredients mixture in about 3-4 parts into wet ingredients bowl and fold the mixture gently.
- Add white vinegar before final whisk.
- Pre-heat oven at 180 deg C for 10 minutes.
- Make a baking vessel ready with rubbing drops of oil all over and dusting maida on it.
- Bake for about 40-45 minutes.

— Dashmi Parthan, Bengaluru

FIT BIT

PARSVA GARBHASANA

(SIDE FETAL POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'parsva' means side, 'garbha' means foetus and 'asana' means pose. It is a beginner resting posture often used to come out of Savasana (corpse pose) and deep relaxation. It is sometimes considered a variation of Balasana or child's pose. As a grounding pose, it is believed to open the Muladhara (root) chakra, associated with security, safety and stability. Parsva Garbhasana, is used as a transition between corpse pose and sitting. From the corpse, the yogi turns to their side and rests the head on the arm with the legs bent. The pose is relaxing for both body and mind.

STEPS

- Lie down in Savasana.
- Inhale, turn to one side, extending the bottom arm beyond your head.
- Bend both your knees. Rest your head on the arm.
- Keep your other hand on the floor near your bent knees.
- Make sure to keep your eyes closed.
- Breathe 10 rounds while holding the pose.
- After the practice of these above sequences, relaxing the heart rate and the entire body muscles are very important.
- Release the pose, and come to the simple Savasana with bent knees.
- Inhale and take the torso towards the other side while the knees are still bent and rest the body taking support with the other arm for the head.
- Remain in this pose for 10 breaths.
- Release the pose and come to Savasana, to relax.

BENEFITS

- Helps relax the body and mind.
- Provides a safe transition between lying and sitting postures.
- Regular practice of this asana creates a sense of security.
- Provides a gentle stretch for the hips, lower back, legs and knees.
- Regular practice massages the internal organs.
- Helps relieve fatigue and stress.

LIMITATIONS

- In order to avoid injury and promotion of wrist health, grounding into the palms of the hands is important in this posture.
- Avoid this asana if you have any current lower back, wrist and hip injuries.
- Pregnant women should only practise the pose on the left side.

— by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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- Cast: Nikhil Gowda, Rachita Ram

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- Cast: Puneet Rajkumar, Parvathy Thiruvothu

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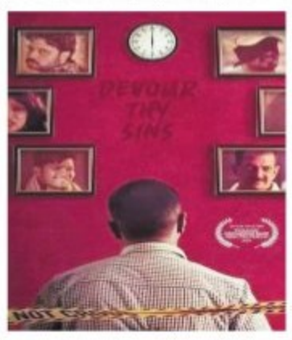

ARISHADVARGA (Kannada)
An aspiring actor doubling as an amateur gigolo gets caught up in a sticky situation after accepting a surprise gift from an anonymous client. Cast: Sumyuktha Hornad, Anju Alva Naik
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

KAVACHA (Kannada)
Jayarama, who is visually challenged, agrees to be the guardian of a young girl, Meenakshi, after her father is murdered. Soon, he finds himself battling a serial killer whose new target is Meenakshi.
Cast: Shiva Rajkumar, Isha Kopikkar, Ravi Kale, Kruthika Jayakumar
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

SHAADISTHAN (Hindi)
Mumbai to Ajmer, a squabbling family, a band, and clashing values. Along the roads of friendship and life, this journey only gets crazier.
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A quirky murder mystery based in a housing society called Sunflower. Its simpleton resident Sonu dives headlong into a murder mystery and becomes the chief suspect. What happens next?
Cast: Sunil Grover, Mukul Chadda, Radha Bhatt, Saloni Khanna
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ANJAAM PATHIRAA (Malayalam)
Anwar is a consulting criminologist who helps the Kerala Police every now and then. When a string of serial killings happen in quick succession, he must race against time to find the one responsible.
Cast: Kunchako Boban, Unnimaya Prasad, Nandhana Varma, Sharaf UDheen
- Watch on: MX Player

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

THANMATHRA (Malayalam)
A family has to deal with the fact that the father, who is also the one that holds the family together, has developed Alzheimer's disease.
Cast: Meera Vasudevan, Mohanlal, Arjun Lal, Nedumudi Venu
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

RANG DE (Telugu)
A man and woman have been neighbours since they were children, but they have different perspectives on their relationship.
Cast: Keerthy Suresh, Nithiin, Gayathri Raghuram, Ronit Kamra
- Watch on: Zee5

ENGLISH

LUCA
A coming-of-age story about a young boy experiencing an unforgettable summer filled with gelato, pasta and endless scooter rides. Luca shares these adventures with his newfound best friend, but all the fun is threatened by a secret: he is a sea monster below the water's surface.
Cast: Jacob Tremblay, Jack Dylan Grazer, Emma Berman, John Ratzenberger
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On the trail of a missing girl, an ex-cop comes across a secretive group attempting to summon a terrifying supernatural entity.
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Cast: Linda Cardellini, Patricia Velasquez, Raymond Cruz, Marisol Ramirez
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Crammed between Clubhouse and FB

OPEN SPACE
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You need to be on Clubhouse. I am sending you an invite. It is so addictive!" my friend told me over phone. She sounded excited. My acquaintances on Facebook (FB) had already started posting about the app. All of them seemed thrilled to speak to each other on this platform. They were forming groups and scheduling get-togethers. I decided to take a look.

After the mayhem caused by the second wave, people are a bit cautious about attending parties or weddings. Bengaluru Kannadigas are fond of their weekend getaways and have been yearning for some sort of social life, which has been fully replaced by social media apps nowadays.

Even as people from other languages took longer strides on social media in line with worldwide trends, Kannadigas have taken their own time to evolve. The Kannadiga population of Bengaluru usually loves posting about food, movies, travel and books. I have been part of some debates and discussions that have given me great insights on literary criticism, technical aspects of film appreciation or a latest political development. I have found some forgotten recipe and have lived vicariously through a friend's travelogue.

Coming back to Clubhouse (CH), after much deliberation, I finally went in. It had so many groups buzzing. I could understand them wanting to speak. This app couldn't have come at a better time, I thought. However, after months of post-covid treatment, sticking to a routine and OTT-binging, I did not have the courage to jump in and open my mouth. I decided to 'leave quietly'. FB seemed more convenient.

Since then, I have started observing my FB friends who have joined CH. The fun part is, most of them come back to post about their CH experience. While a set of cinema buffs has been successfully organising debates on Kannada movies, another set has gotten more politically vocal. It has even brought in renowned speakers to discuss various burning issues. One young man even took upon himself to enter a 'rival' political group's discussion all alone and debated fiercely throughout the night, to be hailed by his compatriots in the morning.

Meanwhile, some 'young & the restless' have decided to find a partner via CH and have formed groups accordingly. Reminded me of mating calls among fauna. A new user said she was disappointed on hearing her FB friend's voice for the very first time. Some people with a funny streak have groups with quirky names, which I recommend for beginners to ease into CH. Most of the new users complain about spending hours on CH but keep going back again. They shuttle between the old faithful FB and the new exciting CH. FOMO has returned, big time. "When will they face the real world?", asks a veteran writer.

Even as young adults are opting for other live audio discussion apps such as Discord and Spotify Greenroom, CH seems to be in the limelight right now. "We are living in interesting times, indeed!" exclaimed a weary friend, after moderating a long, aggressive CH session.

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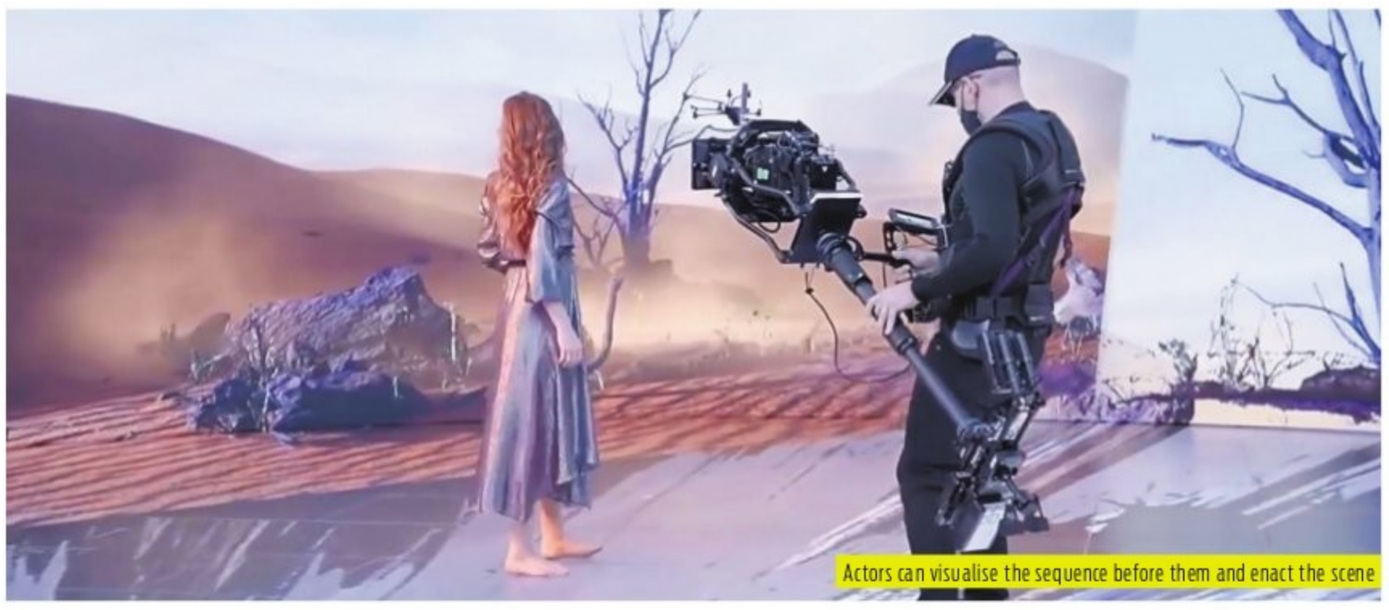
Soumyadip sinha



Actors can visualise the sequence before them and enact the scene

SETTING IT UP

Tech and film experts are slowly bidding goodbye to the green screen as they rely on virtual production techniques and 3D sets instead

3D or computerised sets are more compatible with virtual production. Through a camera sensor, the filmmakers can track the movement of actors and the movement is reflected on the virtual displays in real time

Deepu Kumar, founder of Pro Digital Labs

SANATH PRASAD

There is no doubt that films on science-fiction, medieval fantasies or superheroes are popular now. And this is giving birth to new technologies to aid the storytelling. Take, for instance, virtual production, where one doesn't require a green screen or a grand set. Computerised 3D sets, LED displays and video walls are helping filmmakers cut costs. In fact, DNEG, a VFX and animation company that won the Oscar and BAFTA awards for its VFX work in the Christopher Nolan's *Tenet*, is expanding its footprint in Bengaluru. They will be contributing to a variety of high-profile international projects across feature films, OTT series, and animation films.

Virtual production is slowly becoming a sought-after method, according to tech experts. But what exactly is it? Michael Grobe, a senior VFX supervisor at DNEG, explains that virtual production helps recreate the environment using software tools and engines, which can display virtual ecosystems. "It gives a seamless integration to actors whose actions are captured in a virtual environment. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, a lot of production houses have switched to virtual production," says Grobe, who has worked as a VFX supervisor in *Lord of the Rings, Pacific Rim Uprising* and *Inferno*.

Think of virtual production as an upgrade to using a green screen. Deepu Kumar, founder of Pro Digital Labs, which provides audio visual solutions, explains, "The difference in virtual production is there is a scene-to-scene visual captured on virtual displays like LED walls or video walls and the actors can visualise the sequence before them and enact the scene. With the green screen, you will know how the sequence has panned out only in the post-production process."

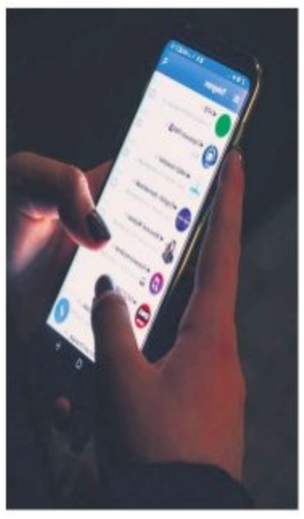
Michael Grobe

The company has a virtual production setup at their experience centre here in the city. Kannada film producer Pushkar Malikarjuniah is collaborating with Kumar to launch a news channel later in December. "In newsrooms, we will have giant video walls in place of a green screen. Through computerised graphics, we can create virtual models that will reflect on the video walls. For example, a model of the Vidhana Soudha will allow the news anchor to present through the virtual display of the building's interiors, which gives it a realistic look," says Malikarjuniah.

According to Kumar, costs can also be cut by creating 3D or computerised sets instead of erecting large sets. "The former is more compatible with virtual production. Through a camera sensor, the filmmakers can track the movement of actors and the movement is reflected on the virtual displays in real time. Rendering the scene is faster and you save money too," explains Kumar.

Calling it a "shiny new toy", Grobe says, "We cannot say virtual production is the future as technologies keep evolving, but certainly it is one of the tools we have at our disposal."

NUGGETS



Telegram is adding group video calling

With the latest version of Telegram's iOS, Android and desktop apps, encrypted messaging app Telegram users can turn their group voice chats into video conference calls. Users have the option to pin someone's video feed to the screen so that they stay front and center even as new participants join the call. - IANS

Spotify's Sound Up to boost women podcast creators in India

Swedish music streaming company Spotify on Monday launched Sound Up in India to boost underrepresented women podcast creators in the country. Sound Up is a global programme created to identify underrepresented communities, and enables participants to hone their podcast skills through training, mentoring, workshops, and full-program support provided by the audio streaming platform. In India, Spotify will focus on women as an underrepresented community, with the hope to bring more female talent into India's thriving audio ecosystem, the company said. - IANS

CITY READ

Study by city scholars featured in UN journal

A group of scholars from Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru conducted a study to identify the status of migrant laborers in the country during the pandemic. The United Nations Academic Impact Journal has featured the research. The team of scholars was led by Dr Juby Thomas, coordinator, postgraduate department of Media Studies.

Discussion on the future of work

Bangalore International Centre's BIC Streams platform will feature a discussion on the future of work, how it will evolve and what people can expect from it. Speakers will include Indraneel Banerjee, partner, McKinsey & Company, India; Krish Shankar, group head, HRD, Infosys; Ajay Vij, MD, Geographic Services, Accenture India; and Anjali Varma, an HR consultant. It will take place on June 30 at 6.45 pm.

Music for preterm babies

TUNING IN
Bindu & Ambi Subramaniam

Last week, we took a quick look at the importance of lullabies, and how they exist the world over. The response we received from readers of this column online was fascinating and many of you shared your own stories of your own or your children's connection to lullabies.

It led us to dig a little deeper into how babies respond and react to music and we came across an interesting piece of research (in the Frontiers Journal of Psychology) showing how music can help babies that are born preterm.

Preterm generally refers to babies born before the 37th week of pregnancy, and the WHO estimates that 15 million babies are born preterm annually. These babies are more likely to have developmental deficits, which include a higher risk for behavioural, cognitive and socio-emotional difficulties, and lower academic achievements.

These difficulties can arise because of the interrupted brain development (due to the early birth) or because of the NICU environment (with high levels of stress, noise, pain, and separation from mother).

And while, as I've said before, music should never be an alternative or substitute for medical care, it can sometimes help and support treatment that is already being received. The connection between music and social emotional learning in children is well-established but is both fascinating and important to see the relationship between infants and music.

It has been shown earlier that introducing music to babies in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit has short-term benefits, but with this study, it is seen that musical intervention with preterm babies can show benefits at even 12 and 24 months of age. Listening to familiar music daily supported and enhanced brain development. While there's still a long way to go to understand this completely, this is a strong case for the inclusion of music from birth.

(The authors run SaPa - the Subramaniam Academy of Performing Arts)

SEARCHING FOR ANSWERS

LOVEOLOGY
Mahesh Natarajan

There is a Mullah Naseeruddin story about how one day the Mullah is seen searching furiously for something in a well-lit part of the street, and when passersby stop to enquire, the Mullah tells them of the lost ring and the ongoing search for it. The passersby stop and join in the search and after many hours of fruitless searching, it strikes one of them to stop and ask the Mullah where exactly was this ring lost, and the Mullah replies, "I lost it near the river," and then when they ask the Mullah then why on Earth was the Mullah searching for the ring here on the street, the Mullah replies, "This is where it is bright!"

The story is a much beloved story and I am sure you would have heard it in many contexts over the years, especially as a story of foolishness or of the paradoxical wisdom of the story. Today, let's look at this story from the point of view of what might happen in a relationship.

Consider a couple who has been having disagreements about expanding their family. Now, one would expect that they would really sit down and talk about their respective feelings towards that, their reasoning, their fears and worries, and what support each might need from the other, no matter what the actual outcome might be for them as a couple. That would be the equivalent of the Mullah searching for the ring where it was lost near the river. In reality though, many couples end up not talking about the issue at hand, but find themselves fighting about something else altogether, perhaps something about whose family of origin would they travel to for a festival, or whether they should spend the holidays by themselves. This fight is an easier fight to have, with clearer positions to take and arguments each can make.

This is then the equivalent of looking for the ring in the well-lit street in the Mullah's neighbourhood, and like how the Mullah got all the neighbours involved, the couple might get their respective families of origins, neighbours and well-wishers involved in these arguments, till someone has the presence of mind to ask, "Hey, what are you both really upset about? Festival holidays were never really much of an issue with you before, how come you are making a big deal about it suddenly?" Once someone asks the question though, it is no longer possible to continue to do that distracted activity - we have to acknowledge where the issues really are, even if we choose not to address it.

We are like the Mullah so very often in our relationships. We often don't look at the issues we really need to because it is too difficult, or too dark. Instead, we spend our time poking around in well-lit areas where there are really no issues, making a fuss about perfectly inconsequential matters just so we seem to do something.

Can we stop fooling ourselves, and search for answers where we need to?

(The author is a counsellor with InnerSight)

A still from the movie *Kotigobba 3*

'KOTIGOBBA 3 SHOULD RELEASE BEFORE VIKRANT RONA'

...says *Vikrant Rona* producer Manjunath Gowda, who offers his film's release date of August 19 to *Kotigobba 3* producer Surappa Babu, who has been waiting a long time for the pandemic situation to get better to release the Sudeep-starrer

A SHARADHAA

EVERYTHING seems to be on track for Sudeep-Anup Bhandari's *Vikrant Rona*. The actor has began dubbing his portions from Monday, and the post-production work on the film is going on in full swing. The film was scheduled for an August 19 release.

However, producer Manjunath Gowda, who is bankrolling the film under the banner Shalini Arts, is very clear that *Vikrant Rona* will be released only after Sudeep's *Kotigobba 3* is out. The Shiva Karthik directorial produced by Surappa Babu is one of the most awaited Kannada films. It was supposed to hit the screens on April 29 this year, but owing to the pandemic, it was rescheduled. "Pandemic has not spared the Kannada film industry, and we are still reeling under the second wave, and there are talks about the possibility of a third wave. If everything was normal, the makers of *Kotigobba 3* had planned to release the film on April 29. But the lockdown has impacted a number of release dates. Owing to this, I am ready to wait for *Kotigobba 3* to release before *Vikrant Rona*. In fact, if the corona situation improves, and the theares reopen to 100 per cent occupancy, I would like to offer the August 19 release date to Surappa Babu for releasing *Kotigobba 3*. I'd take another date," says Manjunath Gowda.

If everything was normal, the makers of Kotigobba 3 had planned to release the film on April 29. But the lockdown has impacted a number of release dates

– **Manjunath Gowda, producer**

Talking about readying the pan-Indian appeal for *Vikrant Rona,* Manjunath says, "The team has just begun with the dubbing for the Kannada version, and it needs to be done in many Indian as well as international languages." The film also featuring Nirup Bhandari and Neetha Ashok in the cast has Ajaneesh Loknath scoring music and William David handling the camera work.

Meanwhile, *Kotigobba 3* comes with an ensemble cast including Madonna Sebastian, Aftab Shivdasani, Shraddha Das, and Sudhanshu Pandey featuring in prominent roles.

With two much-anticipated films of Sudeep gearing up for release, it will be celebration time for the industry and fans, alike.

A still from the movie *Vikrant Rona*

'I WAS TOYING WITH THE STORY OF *RANGANAYAKA* FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS'

...says Guruprasad, who is waiting to begin shoot from July 15

A SHARADHAA

Jaggesh-Guruprasad's *Ranganayaka,* which was officially launched on December 28, is all set to roll now. The makers of the film, bankrolled by Vikhyath Chitra Productions, arewaiting for the sets to be completed which is likely to be ready in a week's time. "We will be ready to start shooting by July 15. If not for the Covid-19 outbreak, I would have released the film by now," says Guruprasad, who can't wait to get on to the sets. He adds that there has been a positive response about the project since the time they released the teaser a couple of years ago. "Now that things are slightly getting better, I can't wait to begin the shoot," he says.

Meanwhile, the director, along with music director, Anoop Seelin has worked on the song recording which is almost through. "We have just one song pending and that will be done at the earliest. My next focus will be the talkie portions," he adds.

A palace-like setup is currently being made which will be utilised for 50 per cent of the shoot. The director plans to complete these portions by the end of August. "The remaining 50 per cent of shoot will be done outdoors, but everything depends on the third wave. We will finalise the locations after completing this particular schedule," he says.

Ranganayaka is a political satire and is being touted as a period drama. The director will take viewers back to the Vijayanagara period, while at the same time highlighting today's political system.The director, who did not wish to reveal any further details about the film, says that he has been working on the subject for a long time now. "I was toying with the idea for the last ten years. I was very particular that Jaggesh is the face of *Ranganayaka*. I also wanted to make sure that the project is bankrolled by the right production house, one that is passionate about such films," says the director, adding that *Ranganayaka* will be one of the best political satires in Kannada cinema. Guruprasad says that even though the film is political satire, there will also major elements of comedy, and family drama. "I want to bring in uniqueness in humour too. *Ranganayaka* will also explore hidden talents of Jaggesh. In his 25 years to 30 years in the film industry, he has explored a variety of roles, however, the Jaggesh I have seen is someone no one else has. They will see this side to him in my film," Guruprasad says. As for the rest of the cast, Guruprasad is considering stage artistes, and is inviting interested theatre artistes to audition for his film. "I am connecting with artistes from Gubbi Veeranna, Chindodi Leela, and friends from the theatre background. I respect commercial artistes, but in this film, I want people to be recognised by their characters," he says.

Jaggesh

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– **Guruprasad, director**

Toofan trailer to drop on June 30

Farhan Akhtar

CE FEATURES

The trailer of Farhan Akhtar-starrer *Toofan* will drop on June 30. The boxing drama is directed by Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra.

Toofan follows a boxer trying to escape his criminal past. An earlier teaser had introduced Farhan's character, Aziz Ali (Farhan), a goon from Mumbai's Dongri. It also introduced Paresh Rawal as Aziz's boxing coach and Mrunal Thakur as his romantic interest. *Toofan* is set to premiere on July 16 on Amazon Prime Video. Farhan and Rakeysh had previously collaborated on *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag* (2013), a biopic on late sprinter Milkha Singh. Farhan's last acting appearance was in *The Sky Is Pink* (2019).

Ayushmann Khuranna: Pandemic and lockdowns have made us more opinionated

Ayushmann Khuranna

CE FEATURES

Actor Ayushmann Khurrana feels the pandemic and lockdowns have made people more opinionated than before, adding that only superlative content would bring the audience back to theatres after the pandemic.

Ayushmann, whose film *Article 15* completed two years of release, said, "*Article 15* is a special film in my filmography, and I can't thank (director) Anubhav Sinha sir for giving me one of the most cherished films of my career."

"It was an eye-opening film for me and helped me see things from a different lens. We will need films like Article 15 with its superlative content to pull people back to theatres," he added.

The Bollywood actor went on to says, "I'm a firm believer that the pandemic and lockdowns have made us more opinionated than before, and people would only want to invest time and energy on things that are unique and different. They would want to have worthwhile community experiences."

Ayushmann also believes that fresh, unique, and disruptive cinema will restart the theatrical business in India.

"Cinema will provide them with that option, but we will have to produce the best content that we have ever produced. People will want to be entertained with films that celebrate new ideas. The scale of the film will be immaterial because content will take precedence in a whole new world," is Ayushmann's opinion.

The actor added, "So, for them to step out to a theatre to watch a film they need a huge incentive and content will play this crucial role. People will want to watch brilliant films."

Akriti Singh's directorial debut wins big at UK Film Festival

CE FEATURES

Akriti Singh's directorial debut film, *Toofan Mail,* has won the Best Film (youth choice) award at the UK Film Festival.

Akriti has appeared in titles like *Broken But Beautiful, Kamyaab, Breathe* and *Photograph*. *Toofan Mail* is her first Hindi feature as director. The film is based on a true incident from the 1970s, where a woman arrived at the New Delhi railway station, claiming to be the Queen of Awadh and seeking to meet Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

Talking about the win, Akriti says, "This film is a result of team effort and making it was a really challenging journey. But I was always sure about the impact this film would have. I'm proud and overwhelmed that *Toofan Mail* has won an award at the UK Film Festival. The most fascinating thing about this award is that people aged below 25 were on the judging panel.

Akriti Singh

Vikrant Massey and Kriti Kharbanda

14 Phere, to premiere in July on ZEE5

CE FEATURES

Vikrant Massey and Kriti Kharbanda-starrer *14 Phere* will premiere in July on ZEE5. A social comedy, the film is written by Manoj Kalwani and directed by Devanshu Singh. Devanshu's previous film, *Chintu Ka Birthday*, was also released on the platform.

"I remember the first time I read the script of *14 Phere,* it was everything I was looking for! Drama, emotion, relatability and a strong character," Kriti shares. "(My character) Aditi has become a part of my personality in more ways than one! I can't wait for the audiences to watch the story unfold on ZEE5."

Vikrant adds, "*14 Phere* has been made for the Indian heartland filled with drama, comedy, quirkiness and a lot more. It is highly relatable, and I hope the viewers thoroughly enjoy themselves when it premieres on ZEE5."

14 Phere also features Gauhar Khan in the cast.